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Oakham's first COVID-19 vaccination clinic saw large turnout

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

OAKHAM – This past Thursday, Feb. 4, 162 COVID-19 vaccinations were administered to residents at the Oakham Fire Department over the course of 5 hours. This monumental task was made possible by the combined efforts of Oakham and New Braintree's Boards of Health, in addition to each town's respective Councils on Aging, Oakham Fire Department and numerous volunteers.

In many small towns, the Board of Health is one that's work often goes unnoticed. With the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic that began in winter of last year, the role that the Board of Health plays in keeping a town's residents safe and informed has come to the forefront.

Oakham's Board of Health is made up of three members, Aaron Langlois, chairperson; Ariana O'Neill and Diana VanOudenhove, members. Langlois has been a member of the board since 2015 and is rounding out his second three-year term. Both O'Neill and VanOudenhove joined the board last year. All three of the board members have experience in either the medical field or health and wellness. Langlois and O'Neill are registered nurses and VanOudenhove works for a health management company and is a personal trainer.

Even with being a small, rural town, Oakham has certainly felt the impact of COVID-19. Langlois said, "As of February 1, 2021 we have had 75 test positive for COVID-19." At least 5 individuals contacted by Langlois, who is also the interim Public Health Nurse, have been determined "likely to be positive" due to home exposure, but did not get tested. "Regrettably, we have had two deaths connected to



Turley Publications Photos Courtesy of Aaron Langlois

Residents drove through the Oakham Fire Department building to receive their vaccine. Oakham Board of Health chairperson and interim Public Health Nurse Aaron Langlois said, "We are overwhelmed by the positive response and pleased by openness to this vaccination."

COVID-19," said Langlois. Dozens more have been quarantined due to contact exposure, either from their home or work.

Oakham officials and residents have pulled together to do their best to lessen the impact of COVID-19. Langlois said, "Aside from the inconvenience of the social distancing, school routine disruption which has certainly caused increased stress on families and children, caused emotional and physical health changes to students, caused cancelation of many youth sports, canceled town-wide com-

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Volunteers prepare for the vaccination clinic.

Selectmen discuss budget with highway superintendent

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

OAKHAM – Highway superintendent, C. Kevin Currier, said at the Jan. 11 selectmen's meeting, he would like to purchase a carport to cover the fuel pumps.

Chair Bradford Taylor asked if Currier had any prices on a carport. Currier said he would get some quotes. Currier said the cost of the carport would be split between the three departments - fire, highway and police, who use the fuel.

Currier was in attendance to discuss his budget. He said the salary lines already include the 5%

increase approved at the Special Town Meeting, but other than that, the budget was pretty much level funded. He said the other increases were due to the increase in purchase costs.

Currier said he was working with Mike Sweet from the police department regarding replacing the LED lights in the bark parking lot.

Town clerk

Selectmen also discussed with town clerk Christine Mardirosian her budget for FY 22. She said the numbers were relatively level for the most part because she won't have the added cost of the presidential election next year. She said the budget for the town clerk

fluctuated depending on the election schedule. Mardirosian said she received an additional amount of money, separate from her regular salary for the elections. She said mandated changes due to COVID-10 increased the amount of time she needed to put in for the elections. She said she worked an additional 100 hours for the election process this year. She said the amount was always budgeted under the pole workers expense line item and was also used for the ballots and food, etc. Finance committee member, Allen Flagg, said to check with the town accountant Tom Wilson about how to set up a separate account for this.

Senior center

Selectman Taylor said the local plumber, Chris Como, would replace the fixtures. Selectman Lucy Tessnau said the senior center has no storage for the Council on Aging supplies. She said the board of health asked the COA to move the items being stored in the bathroom area. The board agreed to get some price quotes and follow up at the next meeting regarding location and type of storage unit.

Town physician

Selectman Don Haapakoski said the town would require phys-

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Town administrator gives financial update

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

HUBBARDSTON – Town Administrator Ryan McLane gave the select board a financial update as of Dec. 31.

He said at the Feb. 1 zoom meeting the town spent below what was expected. He said the town expended 46.88% of appropriated funds. The percentage included education, but not the Rutland Regional Emergency Center. He said he identified any line item over 50%. He said both police department and fire department services were over 50%. He said vehicle repairs were the cause for both line items.

On the revenue side, McLane said it was at 47%, but excise revenue would be coming in during February and March. He said the town should match last year's revenues and was in "good shape." He also said capitol projects were moving on schedule. He said cash flow was reconciled through December 2020.

Skating rink

Sanda Barry of the parks commission said the skating rink was a bit of failure this year, but hopefully, next year it would be better. She said when the town was in the process of applying layers of water,

some children with ice skates broke the liner in many parts. There was no way, the liner could be replaced. The middle ended up with no ice and both ends had ice. Select board member Patrick Girouard asked why the rink was not placed on the basketball court. Barry said the parks commission was concerned with ruining the surface of the basketball court and if there was an early spring, people would have to wait until the ice melted before being able to use the court. Park commission member Jason Guertin said the fire department was very helpful with the ice rink. The commission plans to hire a high school student to shovel snow off the rink next year and would include it in their budget.

Ethics violation

The select board discussed Detective Scott Chatigny's ethics violation. The State Ethics Commission determined Chatigny violated the Massachusetts conflict of interest law in 2016. Detective Chatigny paid a \$10,000 fine for this violation and signed an agreement with the State Ethics Commission. In response to this notification from the ethics commission, town officials placed Detective

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Open Space and Recreation Plan forum held

Residents agree on plan goals

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Master Plan Committee hosted a public forum on Thursday, Feb. 4, via Zoom, with dozens of residents in attendance. Sheila Orsi opened the forum and introduced herself and the other members of the committee. The Master Plan Committee is comprised of Orsi, Ann Hicks, John Turner, Susan Lyons, Brandon Avery and Robert Locatelli. Committee members Orsi and Hicks hosted the forum.

Hicks thanked everyone for attending the online forum and explained the town's first Open Space and Recreation Plan was from 2007, and had expired. They are updating it now, along with the rest of the Master Plan. The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs oversees the plan and dictates what needs to be included. One of the requirements is a survey of residents, which was

completed late last October. Hicks said one of the benefits of having an up-to-date Open Space and Recreation Plan, as well as a Master Plan, is it gives the town the ability to apply for grants. Two major grants they can apply for are the park and land grants.

Survey results

There were four questions on the survey that were sent to residents of North Brookfield. They received 746 responses to the survey. The first question was "What do you like about living in North Brookfield?" The majority, 77%, of the responses said "rural/country living," followed by "farm and agriculture access" at 23%.

The second question was "What are favorite activities you would like to see encouraged in North Brookfield?" Top responses included walking, 51%, hiking, 41%, bicycling, 33%, team sports, 29%, bird watching, 29%, fishing, 24%, horseback riding, 19%, and hunting with 14%.

The third questions was "What would you most like to see be a part

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Barre Town Clerk announces town election information

BARRE – Town clerk, Ellen Glidden listed information on the annual town election set for April 5. The following people took out nomination papers. Papers have not been returned unless noted.

They included:

Moderator for one-year Joshua E. Smith, 80 Pleasant St., candidate for re-election

Board of Selectmen for 3-year term
John F. Carbone, 280 Hardwick Road

Maureen M. Marshall, 840 Pleasant St.

Troy Lee Valardi, 287 Cole Road
Board of Assessors for 3-year term no papers out

Board of Health for 3-year term
Michael B. Radesky, 21 Grove St. South (papers returned)

Water Commissioner for 3-year term
Ronald A. Hosley, 169 Dana Road, candidate for re-election

Sewer Commissioner for 3 year term
John J. Chase, 120 Hardwick Road, candidate for re-election

(papers returned)

Barre Housing Authority Member for 5-year term
Susan E. LaRose, 196 Mechanic St., candidate for re-election

Felton Field Commissioner for 3-year term
Justin C. Pollard, 291 Loring Road

Library Trustees two positions for 3-year terms

David A. Deschamps, 481 Britton Rd East 2024 candidate for re-election (papers returned)

Cherie E. Benoit, 49 Nelson Way, candidate for re-election

Planning Board Associate Member for 1-year term
Frank W. LaRange, 711 South Barre Rd 2022

Anthony I. Mobilio, 414 North Brookfield Rd 2022

Planning Board for 5-year term
Anthony I. Mobilio, 414 North Brookfield Rd 2026

Matthew D. Urban, 330 Williamsville Rd 2026

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Sunrise gives a spectacular display



Turley Publications Courtesy Photo by Dennis Fleming

The sunrise Friday, Feb. 5 gave a display of pinks and reds. This photo was taken from the parking lot at the Henry Woods Building, 40 West St., Barre.

Barre lists vaccine clinic information

BARRE – Residents of Barre, who qualify for Phase 1 or Phase 2, step 1 (75+ years of age), may email the boardofhealth@townof-barre.com with the following information: name, address and date of birth.

If they meet the requirements a link will be emailed to them for registration. If people do not have email, they may call Eileen at the Barre Senior Center at 978-355-5004 or 978-355-2504 extension 117 and leave their name, address, date of birth and phone number. This COVID-19 vaccine clinic is for Barre residents only.



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News of the Towns



Round Town

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Food pantry to hold distribution

The next Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur Thursday, Feb.18 from 5:30-7 p.m. As they have since last spring’s distributions, in order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients, Feb. 18 will again be “drive-through” style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They’ll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or way back of their vehicle by volunteers. Food distribution is held the second Wednesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and the third Thursday from 5:30-7 p.m.

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Drive-thru chicken parmigina dinner Feb. 27

The Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., will host a drive-thru chicken parmigina dinner on Saturday, Feb. 27 with pick-up time from 5-6 p.m. The meal also includes antipasto salad and dessert. Adults are \$12 and children under 12 are \$5. For reservations, people may call Lisa Holloway at 978-355-0140.

Nomination papers information

Nomination Papers are available to run for any of the above office’s at the Town Clerk’s Office located at the Henry Woods Building (basement) until 5 p.m. Thursday February 11. MGL C. 53, §9A. Nomination papers must be returned back to the Town Clerk’s Office for certification of signatures by the Board of Registrars no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16. Any papers received after the deadline will be accepted LATE and will not be certified. MGL C. 53, §7. The annual town election will be held Monday, April 5.

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Things to do...



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Show off East Quabbin Land Trust photos in contest



Courtesy photo

The East Quabbin Land Trust is holding a photo contest from Feb. 1 to June. This one, entitled “Mandell Magic,” by Brian White, was the 2019 photo contest winner.

HARDWICK – The East Quabbin Land Trust will be holding a photo contest from Feb. 1 to June 1, giving people a chance to capture a little of the natural beauty of the East Quabbin region.

Photos will be presented at a curated outdoor show on June 20. Prizes will include EQLT swag, a gift card to a local business and of course,

bragging rights.

All photos must be taken at an EQLT preserve and photos with watermarks will not be accepted. There is no limit to the amount of submissions each person can enter. Submissions may be entered until June 1. EQLT reserves the right to reject a submission for any reason.

To submit, send and

email to Jess Cusworth at jcusworth@eqlt.org to request the Dropbox link, which does not require a Dropbox account

Those submitting should include their last name and the title of their photo in the file name, such as Cusworth_SunriseOnMandellHill.jpg. Then upload the photo through the Dropbox link. Email Jess with any questions.

Listening lists enrichment programs for children

BARRE – The teachers at the Listening Wellness Center have been working hard to create awesome classes for grades Pre-K through teen. Students are already signing up for spring.

After school enrichment programs are live on Zoom. They include: Animal Studies: 2D to 3D with Jen Swan; music exploration ensemble with Cassie Kollman; songwriting for youth with Cassie Kollman; muffin tin magic with Kathy Carnosino and mindfulness, nature and art with Jen Zehler.

In the month of January, Listening served 326 people in yoga classes. Listening will be offering yoga classes. There will be a free chair yoga in February. These classes are run just like in the studio, yet, from the comfort of home. People may email listeningwellness-center@gmail.com with any questions.

Beverly is an Embodiyoga teacher of 16 plus years and a student of Patty Townsend of Yoga Center Amherst. Beverly’s love of Anatomical supports, Inquiry, and the delight of the Embodiyoga

Fluid and Developmental Patterns are present in her classes. These offerings guide her students on the journey through asana, pranayama and meditation to increase their tone, resilience, strength, breath and awareness. It’s not your average yoga class. In class, even remotely, Beverly is able to see participants and guide them.

She teaches Embodiyoga at 8 a.m. and senior yoga at 9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and chair yoga at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Barre Food Pantry to hold distribution Feb 18

BARRE – The Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur Thursday, Feb.18 from 5:30-7 p.m.

The Barre Food Pantry schedules their two distributions each month on the morning of the second Wednesday and the evening of the third Thursday..

The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients. The pantry must also continue to protect clients, volunteers and the larger community from the catastrophic spread of the novel COVID-19 virus to which no one has immunity. Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due to their age and/or underlying health conditions.

As they have since last spring’s distributions, in order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients, Feb. 18 will again be “drive-through”

style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church.

They will remain in their cars. They’ll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or way back of their vehicle by volunteers.

Based on the success of distributions so far, the Barre Food Pantry volunteers believe this “drive-through” style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

Before the pandemic pantry volunteers and clients were able to greet each other with a smile.

With all volunteers and clients now wearing masks in public, the volunteers hope that everyone will still hear the

smiles in their voices.

While the pantry typically used to have an “all hands on deck” approach to welcoming volunteers, in February they will once again be working with just a very small crew.

They are preparing for the distribution by only working in shifts at the pantry, in small household/family groups.

Please do not arrive to volunteer on Feb.10 or 18 without first contacting Dave Petrovick at 978-355-4519 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

The pantry sincerely appreciates all the volunteers, who have stayed home. Because conditions have been changing rapidly, please continue to check for updates on the Barre Food Pantry website: http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/.

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Hubbardston

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Country Hen scholarship forms due May 1

The 2021 Country Hen Scholarship forms will be due May. 1. Hubbardston students are eligible to apply for the scholarship funded by Country Hen.

Frozen Assets

The deadline to submit Frozen Asset forms was Feb. 1. Now, contestants must wait for the outhouse to fall through the ice on the Country Hen pond to see who guessed the date and time nearest to when it falls into the pond.

Senior center

The Hubbardston Senior Center will be closed until April. At that point, the Council on Aging will review how things are going with the virus and plan accordingly. A council member will be checking the phone lines two or three times a week. The director, Claudia Provencal will be checking emails and Facebook every day. The drive through food and egg will still be in place on Thursday mornings. Masks will be in place properly and distancing will be followed.

Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of Feb. 15.

Meal sites are closed and there are only Meals on Wheels deliveries. Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MON. – President’s Day

No meal served

TUES. – Shaved steak and cheese, steak cut French fries, carrots, fresh fruit, sandwich roll

WED. – Vegetable cheese bake, seasoned potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, Italian bread

THURS. – BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, country blend vegetables, Lorna Doones, peasant white bread

FRI. – Lemon pepper cod, rice pilaf, roasted broccoli, baked apples, corn muffin

*Diabetic friendly dessert

**Higher sodium entree

Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

Petersham to hold rabies clinic Feb. 21

PETERSHAM – The town of Petersham will hold a rabies clinic Saturday, Feb. 21 with a snow date of Feb. 28 at the South Street Highway Barn from 10 a.m. to noon. Dogs must be double leashed, cats in carriers and owners masked.

Pre-registration is required. People may return a form, which includes owner first and last name; animal name and microchip number, which can be scanned at clinic; telephone; email; address street, town, state and zip code; species dog, cat, ferret; age; sex – male, female, neutered or spayed; size – under 20 lbs., 20-50 lbs or over 50 lbs.; breed; color; date last vaccinated; next due date. Please bring in old certificate. Suggested donation is \$12. People may print, fill out for and return to locked box outside of the town office, email, scan registration to petershamboh@verizon.net or call 978-724-0057 to register

Local organic farmers to host fruit tree workshop

BARRE – Many Hands Organic Farm will be hosting a workshop regarding organic fruit tree management Saturday, Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. to noon, at the farm in Barre and via Zoom. The farm has about 100 fruit trees with some of them as old as 40 years, all cared for in a certifiably organic fashion. Attendees will learn about grafting, fertility and try their hand at pruning some of the trees. Registration is free, and available on the Many Hands Organic Farm website at mhof.net/events-workshops.

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News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Note: Many meetings are closed to the public or will be held remotely.

BARRE

Quabbin Regional School District School Committee – Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Assessors – Feb. 16 at 6 p.m.
Board of Selectmen – Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board – Feb. 16 and March 2 at 7 p.m.
Board of Health – Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Sewer Commission – Feb. 18 at 7 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – Feb. 25 at 11 a.m.
Historical Commission – March 1 at 7 p.m.
Felton Field Commission – March 2 at 6:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – March 3 at 1 p.m.
Barre Housing Authority – March 4 at 3 p.m.
Water Commission – March 8 at 6:30 p.m.
DPW Commission – March 8 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Finance Committee – Feb. 15 at 5:30 p.m.
Gilbertville Water District – Feb. 16 at 5:30 p.m.
Personnel Committee – Feb. 16 at 5:30 p.m.
Recycling Commission – Feb. 16 and March 2 at 6:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Selectmen – Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Health – March 4 at 6:30 p.m.
Paige Library Trustees – March 4 at 7 p.m.
Gilbertville-Wheelwright Sewer Commissioners – March 8 at 6 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Cultural Council – Feb. 15 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board – Feb. 18 and March 4 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Health – Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m.
Open Space Committee – Feb. 23 and March 30 at 7 p.m.
Board of Selectmen – March 1, March 15 and March 29 at 6:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – March 2 at 7 p.m.
Historical Commission – March 6 at 10 p.m.
Council on Aging – March 12 at 10 a.m.
Town Center Committee – March 18 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Cemetery Commission – Feb. 11 at 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Feb. 16 at 5 p.m. and March 2 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Health – Feb. 18 and March 4 at 7 p.m.
Petersham Historic District – Feb. 18 at 7 p.m.
Board of Assessors – Feb. 19 at 10 a.m.
Nichewaug Inn and Academy Committee – Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board – Feb. 25 at 7 p.m.
Open Space & Recreation Committee – March 2 at 6:30 p.m.

RUTLAND

Library Board of Trustees – Feb. 11 at 7 p.m.
Board of Public Works – Feb. 22 at 6 p.m.
Public Hearing RDIC & HPDD – Feb. 24 at 6 p.m.

Rutland has COVID-19 vaccine registration for age 75 and up

RUTLAND – Rutland residents age 75 and over are eligible at this time to register for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Those eligible should dial the COVID-19 vaccine phone line at 508-886-4100, extension 19 to schedule an appointment. People should leave a message with their name, Rutland address, age and telephone number. Someone will call as soon as possible.

Bigelow Library lists upcoming events

CLINTON – The Bigelow Library is still providing library loans (order online with the pick-up location as “Clinton” or call a library staff member for help) keeping safety first in mind with curbside pick-up provided from “Book Shack.” Discount museum passes are still available for access to the museums and parks, which have opened to the general public. Programs for patrons of all ages, are on <http://bigelowlibrary.org/calendar/> for the list of upcoming events and how to register. The library is providing access to the library’s technology (computers, printers and faxes) and collections by limited, appointment-only access with strict social distancing guidelines in place for everyone’s safety. People may call 978-365-4160 and speak to a staff member for more details.

Wednesday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. the library will host “Armchair Travels with Steve Farras- Exploring the National Parks System in Massachusetts” via Zoom Presentation.

This is part 2 of the new “armchair traveling via Zoom” program with travel expert Steve Farras. In this presentation he will be exploring the wonders close to home at the National Parks of Massachusetts. Register at <http://bigelowlibrary.org/calendar/> to receive the Zoom meeting invitation.

Wednesday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. the library will present “Finding Easy Walks Wherever You Are with Marjorie Turner Hollman” via Zoom Presentation. Marjorie Turner Hollman, author of the Easy Walks in Massachusetts trail guide series, as well as “Finding Easy Walks Wherever You Are” will present the program. She will be talking about the local places to go to experience the joys for taking an easy walk in nature, as well as offering lots of suggestions, experiences and ideas that can help people have a more positive experience in the outdoors. This presentation is especially appropriate for elders, those with disabilities and families with young children who hope to use strollers while sharing the outdoors with their little ones.

For more information, people may contact the Bigelow Free Public Library, 54 Walnut Street, Clinton MA 01510, 978-365-4061 or mfournier@cwmar.org.

Hardwick

Rose32 Bread approved for off-premise wine/malt license

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – The Board of Selectmen held their meeting on Monday, Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

Off-premise wine and malt license

A public hearing was held at 7 p.m. to approve the application by Glenn Mitchell (co-owner) for an off-premise license to sell wine and malt beverages at Rose32 Bread, 412 Main St., Gilbertville. In his application, Mitchell explained that Rose32 Bread had transitioned from a bakery/café to a food to-go establishment and that he wished to sell wine and malt beverages to-go as well. Board of Selectmen chairman Kenan Young said that if having this license helps their business right now, he is all for it. The board approved the application unanimously by roll call vote.

Fire Department report

Young read the Fire Department report for the month of January. The Fire Department responded to six calls.

2021 liquor license renewals

The board approved the renewal of a 2021 Club License for South Barre Rod & Gun Club, 2626 Barre Rd., Hardwick and a 2021 Farmer Series Pouring Permit for Lost Towns Brewing Co., 483 Main St., Gilbertville. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) approved the renewal of both licenses, even though the applicants had missed the renewal deadline.

Acceptance of CAI Technologies GIS Services Agreement

The Board of Assessors submitted a proposed agreement between the town and CAI Technologies for computer mapping. This town renews this agreement every year as the service provides accurate GIS map layers and also provides information for the MassGIS statewide address database used

in the NextGen911 system. The cost to the town is \$1,750 annually. The board approved the acceptance of this agreement as recommended by the Board of Assessors.

Land donation for Upper Cemetery

The board voted to accept the quitclaim deed of land adjacent to the Upper Cemetery on Petersham Road for the Cemetery Commission in the amount of \$1. The parcel of land transferred by the heirs of Gordon McMillan contains 34,752 square feet will be used to expand the cemetery.

Updates on EMS

Board of Selectmen member Julie Quink said that she and Town Administrator Theresa Cofske were both emailed about attending a Ware meeting to discuss EMS. Quink said the board still needs to address West Brookfield Rescue Squad’s offer. Young said that with Baystate Mary Lane Hospital closing in June, they should review with West Brookfield or Ware and see if their positions on money and services have changed, given this new development. Quink said she would respond to Ware and arrange to meet with them in March. In the meantime, Quink will reach out to both West Brookfield and Barre and conference with both of them.

USDA update

Cofske said she had hoped to provide a full report on the USDA grant for the sewer project, but a new IGR was just released. The financial team and RCAP Solutions and town counsel will have to “iron out those kinks.” Cofske said there have been changes to the sewer line coming down 32A as well as geotechnical borings taking place.

Cofske said she has spent countless hours registering the age 75+ population on the online portal for this weekend’s COVID-19 vaccination clinic.

She apologized for not having a complete update on the USDA grant, but said that the clinic took priority because “health and safety come first.” Cofske said once she has more information about the USDA grant she will circulate it.

Paige Memorial Library building

Quink asked Cofske if she had made any progress in determining the town’s responsibility, along with the Board of Trustees, for the Paige Memorial Library building and its repairs. Cofske said that she has not had time to research the matter or contact town counsel due to the planning of the vaccination clinic. Cofske said most of her time has been spent assisting the Board of Health in registering vaccine recipients. Cofske said that she is spread out very thin and exhausted. She asked if they were going to discuss her performance or responsibilities, she would prefer not to do it at the end of a public meeting, but rather through a phone call offline. Quink said that she would be happy to call Cofske later in the week to discuss ways to help. Quink asked if there was any way the town could hire either an assistant for the Board of Health or for Cofske herself. Board of Selectmen member Kelly Kemp said her son is in need of community service hours for school and would be willing to assist Cofske in taking meeting minutes of recorded meetings. Quink said that her daughter would be willing to do the same.

Cofske told Quink she could contact David Jenkins of town counsel to find out about the library building. Cofske also recommended Quink research the matter with the Massachusetts Board of Libraries and pull any files pertaining to the Paige Memorial Library from Town Clerk Ryan Witkos.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Hardwick COVID-19 vaccinations set for Feb. 13

Registration is necessary, details available soon

HARDWICK – Massachusetts is currently in Phase 2, Step 1, of COVID-19 vaccinations and supplies are limited.

Those who are 75 or older, are eligible for a vaccine that will be given on Feb. 13, at the Hardwick Elementary School. Details and registration information will be available as soon as possible.

Below is a list of current sites where you can make an appointment to receive a vaccine for those over 75. Click on the links to get all the current information available and if possible to schedule your appointment online. Those receiving vaccinations will also need to fill out and bring a state form with them to their appointment, which can be found at <https://www.town-of-hardwick.com/PDF/COVID-19VaccinationAttestationForm.pdf>. The form is valid for anyone over the age of 75 in Phase 2. Other forms may be available for those younger at a later date.

Due to high demand and constrained vaccine supply,

COVID-19 vaccination appointments are limited. More appointments will be available based on supply from the federal government. Appointments will be added on a rolling basis. In case of closures due to winter weather, vaccination locations will reach out to individuals with appointments to reschedule. Those who cannot safely get to their appointment, can reschedule. Reach out to the location where receiving the vaccination with specific questions.

Places to get vaccinated for those 75 and older:

Eastfield Mall, Springfield (currently all slots are filled)

Gardner: Medical Arts Building, 250 Green St, Suite 200, Gardner, MA 01440

Appointments available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Phone for appointment (978) 669-0199

Gardner Walgreens, 232 Main St, Gardner.

Holden Walgreens, 1145 Main St, Holden.

Holyoke: Baystate

Health, 361 Whitney Ave. in Holyoke.

Leominster: Hannaford, 118 Lancaster St., Leominster, phone for appointment (978) 840-2737

Rutland Free Public Library, 280 Main Street, Rutland (Appointments not yet available)

Southbridge Community Center/Harrington Hospital, 153 Chestnut St, Southbridge, appointments available Monday through Friday.

Worcester: Central Mass Allergy and Asthma Care, 425 Lake Avenue North, Suite 201, Worcester.

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Library conducts survey

The Fobes Memorial Library is conducting a survey during the month of February to gain input from the community on the library’s services and programs. The survey only takes 5-10 minutes to complete, and the library staff encourages children, teens and adults to fill it out. It is available online at fobesmemoriallibrary.org. People may stop in at the library after completing the survey to pick up a Valentine from the Friends at the Fobes. Fobes Memorial Library hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Winter take-out lunch

The Oakham Council on Aging will hold its next winter take-out lunch Friday, March 5 between 11:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. the menu is homemade Italian Wedding Soup with a “lite” turkey or ham and cheese sandwich on a small roll with chips and dessert. The deadline to register is Monday, March 1. Seniors may call either Pauline at 508-882-5215 or Lucy at 508-882-3358. They should include their choice of sandwich.

Town clerk lists town election information

NEW BRAINTREE – Nomination papers are now available in the Town Clerk’s Office for the following offices up for election at the Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, May 3, 2021: Selectman for 3 years; Assessor for 3 years; Library Trustee for 3 years (2); Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years; Board of Health for 3 years; Finance Committee for 3 years; Planning Board for 5 years; Planning Board for 4 years to fill a vacancy; Constable for 3 years.

The last day to obtain nomination papers is Thursday, March 11. Nomination papers must be submitted for certification by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 15. Nomination papers must be filed with the Town Clerk by 5 p.m. on Monday. The last day and time to register to vote for the Monday, May 1 Annual Town Election will be Tuesday, April 13 from 2-4 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. in the Town Clerk’s office. Please call the Town Clerk’s office at 508-867-2071, extension 102 or via email at townclerk@newbraintree.org for any further information.

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Opinion

Guest Column

Combatting cabin fever inside and out

Winters in New England can seem very long in the best of years, but this past fall and now as we find ourselves deep into winter this February, it may seem even longer than normal as COVID-19 remains with us after almost a year.

Punxsutawney Phil, the ever-popular, Pennsylvania groundhog removed from his burrow each year to prognosticate about how many more weeks of winter we'll see before spring makes its anxiously-awaited appearance, made his annual visit above ground on Feb. 2. Unfortunately, he saw his shadow and determined there will be six weeks more of winter.

Luckily, Massachusetts' "famous" groundhog, Ms. G, the official state groundhog of our state also made her annual appearance on Feb. 2. She did not see her shadow and so predicted an early spring. How early we don't yet know. She lives at the Massachusetts Audubon education center, Drumlin Farm, in Lincoln.

It remains to be seen if either forecast is accurate. In the Holyoke area, at least, skunks are already on the move again, a sure sign spring is headed our way. Of course the Paper City is usually a little warmer than many other Western Mass locations, so who knows?

Whether Phil's or Mrs. G's forecasting proves true, we are all getting at least a touch of cabin fever, and there's certainly stronger feelings of restlessness and boredom running through us all and our friends and family.

So what to do? Considering our very recent snow, one can choose to educate oneself and go hiking, but if you're new to the activity make sure you learn about the right clothing to wear based on temperatures and planned activities.

If you haven't investigated doing so before cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are possible now that we have plenty of the white stuff.

And if you've never tried ice fishing and you're willing to take a ride, you can head to Russell, where the Woronoco Heights Outdoor Adventures' ice fishing staff, with Craig Mannix, will be on hand to help you. With over 30 years of ice fishing experience, Mannix and his team will be available to show even the most novice fisherman how to catch the big ones under the ice. For those folks without the proper ice fishing equipment, plenty of "pop-ups" and other tools necessary to successfully find fish will be available for use out on the frozen lake.

While at Woronoco Heights on Feb. 20, it's also possible to try blacksmithing with the help of a Forged in Fire contestant as well as snowshoeing and/or mountain biking, although COVID-19 safety restrictions require all to bring their own bike helmets. There will also be orienteering, escape challenges and scavenger hunt bingo as well as other activities. If Mother Nature cooperates with the right weather, there may be trips out to the Top O' The Hill Maple "sugar shack" where visitors are rewarded for their efforts with samples of their sweet, freshly boiled, maple syrup.

The events go on from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and it's \$10 a piece for everyone regardless of age.

But if the cold weather, snow and ice isn't your or your family's thing, there are plenty of indoor activities on Zoom or other video conferencing applications.

Area groups and libraries have worked hard to keep us all entertained – and with the ubiquity of Zoom, it's possible to enjoy programs you might not have considered participating in before from the comfort of your own living room.

Dreaming of gardening in the spring? The East Quabbin Land Trust, will host a book discussion on Feb. 25, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., on "Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conversation That Starts in Your Yard," by Douglas Tallamy, a professor of entomology at the University of Delaware. He is also the author of "Bringing Nature Home." He will discuss how homeowners can turn their yards into conservation corridors that provide wildlife habitats.

It's free and people should email Jess Cusworth at the trust at Jcusworth@eqtl.org if they are interested, and she will send you the Zoom link.

The trust, the Trustees of the Reservation and Massachusetts Audubon all have outdoor and indoor activities, and libraries across the state have all kinds of online programs to enjoy, so take a walk through the World Wide Web and see what you can find to distract yourself until spring.

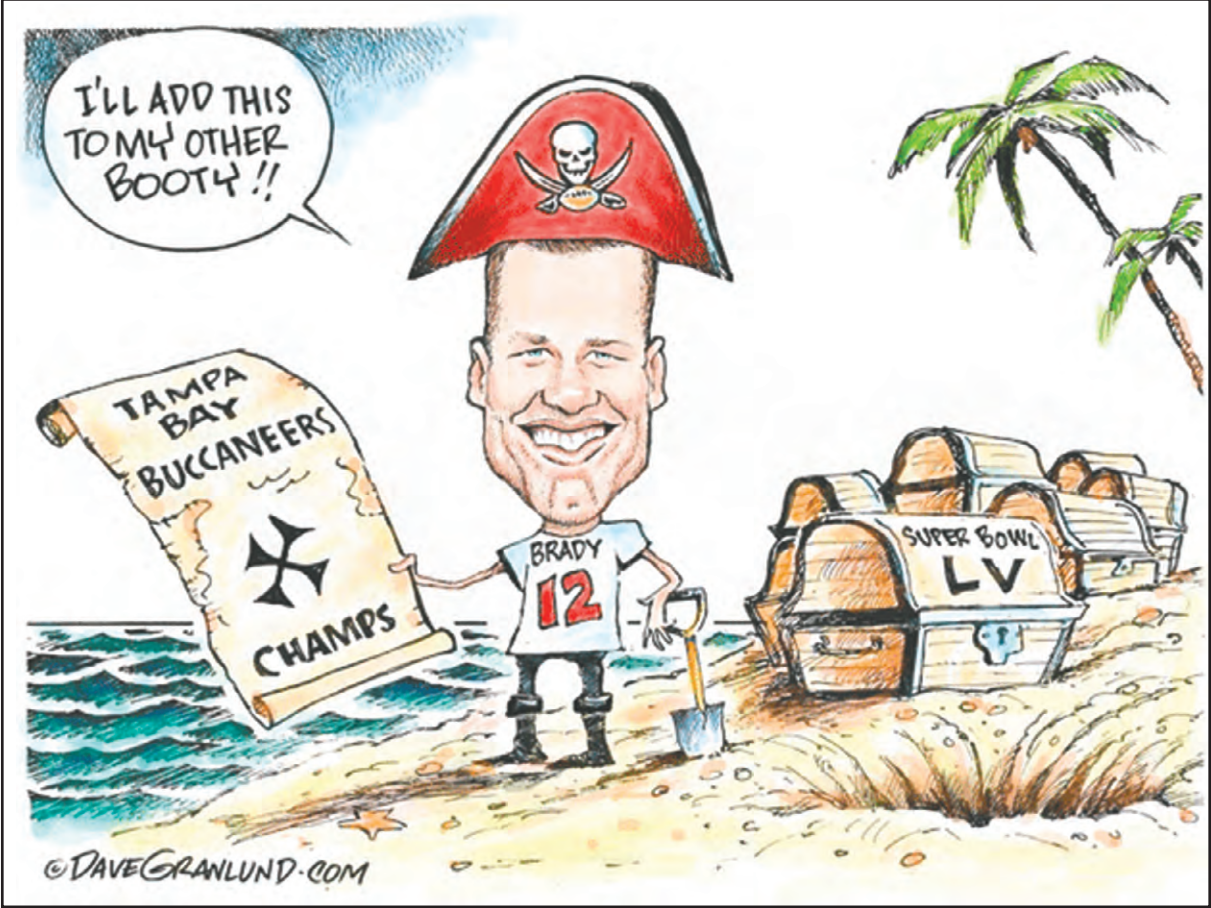
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– Patricia Masten



In Past Pages

5 years ago (March 10, 2016)

Navy Midshipman Baylee Smith from Oakham participated in the Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) ship selection draft as a future member of the U.S. Navy's Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) community. More than 280 midshipmen at 70 NROTC units around the country have selected to serve in the Navy as surface warfare officers. Each selecting midshipman is ranked according to his or her grades point average, aptitude scores, and physical fitness. "The SWO Ship Selection to me is a competitive race to choose the best location and type of ship that fits your career," Smith said. Smith, a 2012 Quabbin Regional High School graduated, has selected to serve aboard the USS John Finn (DDG 113) and is majoring in economics while attending Spelman. Upon graduation, Smith will receive a commission as a Navy Ensign and report aboard the John Finn as a surface warfare officer.

Joe Savard is all about basketball. He is especially fond of Quabbin Regional High School basketball and the team he has come to call his own, on many different levels. "This is my first year doing basketball," Savard said. "I'm the student, assistant coach, manager and player on the team." For this sophomore who has been attending Quabbin since the seventh grade and is a student of special ed teacher Jeanette Renaud, having the opportunity to be involved with the basketball program has been fabulous for Savard. One of Savard's most important roles throughout the season has been filming the varsity home and away games, critical for both players and coaches to watch after the fact.

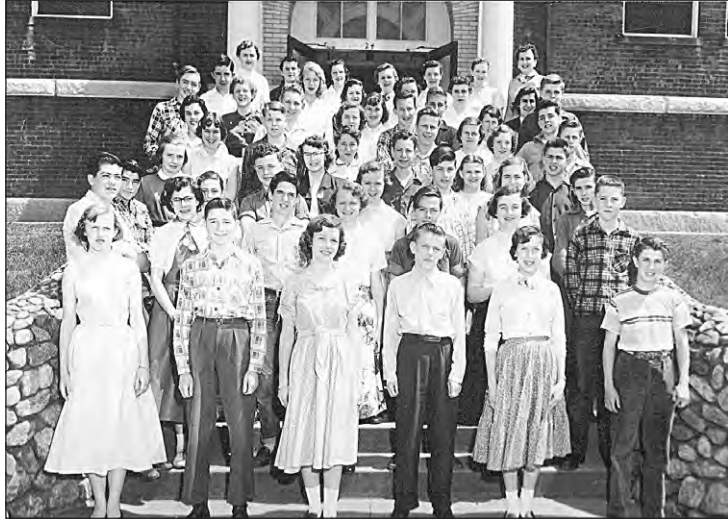
One wouldn't necessarily think a chair would be a hot topic for discussion for the average middle school student. However, for over a decade, Quabbin eighth grade students have mastered the art of creating them as part of an annual technology project assigned by the science department. Students have to figure out how to create a chair or stool (using only newspaper and masking tape) that was free-standing and that could successfully hold five science textbooks, the equivalent of approximately 21 and a half pounds. According to Quabbin eighth grade science teachers Sarah Latka and Helene Pascale, the project began as a result of the Massachusetts State Standards requiring more technology and engineering in the curriculum, so the chair idea was born.

10 years ago (Feb. 17, 2011)

For more than thirty years Petersham has benefitted from a dedicated volunteer crime watch patrol, which operates under the direction of the chief of police. The patrol was created by former Petersham police officer and selectman, John Church, after a rash of home break-ins in the 1970s. Using their personal vehicles, two teams patrol the town each day,

LOOK BACK

North Brookfield High School - 1953/54



This photo shows the freshman class at North Brookfield High School during the 1953-1954 school year.

each team taking half of the town. The patrol operates five days a week, but is not used on weekends when homeowners are generally at home, although the police force continues to be vigilant on those days. Petersham Police Chief R. Dana Cooley said that it is difficult to estimate the crimes that the patrol has prevented. He believes that the fact that the patrol is well known is a deterrent that keeps the crime rate low.

Sylvia Clouatre had just returned from taking photographs of her barn on Feb. 10, when not one hour later, her husband George came into the house and told her that the 47 by 80-foot barn collapsed as a result of the weight of the snow. One of the first built in Barre, the barn was constructed sometime between 1775 and 1795. "It came with 600 acres from a King's grant to Joe King," Clouatre said, "Then it was bought by my grandfather, Alonzo Freeman, around 1895." Clouatre's father, Andrew, a dairy farmer, purchased the property in 1920, including a house across the street from the barn. The family no longer owns the house, but Andrew gave his daughter a portion of the property to build her home in 1972. The barn holds many family memories for Clouatre. "W played in the barn all the time when we were kids. We had parties in there. That barn is all I know."

A large crowd attended the Petersham Memorial Library annual tea last Sunday. Tea was poured from a silver tea service loaned to the library for the event by Emily Arnold. Those pouring the tea were library trustees, conservators and friends of the library. Board of Trustees President Deni Ellis announced five inductees into the Francis H. Lee Society. They are: Talley Lent, Jeanne Forand, Tom Anderson, John Pope and Fif Scoufopoulos.

25 years ago (Feb. 15, 1996)

Methodist College debaters scored

an upset victory over Wake Forest University in the novice division of the George Mason University Debate Tournament. The team of Alexis Parmenter and David Staiti won five of the six matches. David Staiti is a freshman from Barre. He is the son of Thomas and Cathy Staiti. Alexis Parmenter is a freshman from Hubbardston. She is the daughter of Robert and Kathleen Grenier.

Mr. and Mrs. Cosmo Franciose have recently returned to their home on Worcester Road after a long trip to Florida. They visited with relatives in Clearwater and then drove to North Port to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Franciose. They spent a few days in Fort Myers with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Scott and then drove to West Palm Beach and spent a few days with Yolanda Dahart who sends her best regards to her many relatives and friends in Barre.

Cub Scout Pack 23 observed their Blue and Gold in the American Legion Hall with Cubmaster Carol Russell and Committee Chairman Marcia Castonguay in charge of the pot luck meal and decorations. Raymond Russell, Sam Clark and Gabriel Patriquin received the Wolf badge. The Bear badge went to Tommy Boutelle, Chris Russell and Alex Lent. Andrew Castonguay received two arrow points on his Bear badge.

38 years ago (Feb. 17, 1983)

Mrs. Gertrude Stevens of Old Coldbrook Road has received a letter from her grandson, Sgt. Steven W. Page stationed with the U.S. Army near Frankfurt, Germany. He spent Christmas with a German family and is learning to speak German.

Miss Michelle Heyes of Wheelwright, representing the Barre Rainbow Assembly members, delivered Valentine favors to the residents at the Hilltop Nursing Home in Gilbertville.

Mrs. Nellie Clark Murphy was 99 years old on Feb. 10 and several friends from Barre visited her at the Quaboag Nursing Home in West Brookfield to say Happy Birthday and not this special occasion. Nellie came to Barre from Somerville when she was 6 years old and lived her until 3 years ago when she moved to Quaboag Nursing Home.

Letter to Editor

Redistribute tax burden

Now the new administration is in charge and President Biden and Vice President Harris survived Inauguration Day from the insurrectionists and misogynists of Jan. 6, conservatives are worried the administration, along with Congress, will steer the U.S.A. towards socialism.

The fact is, we're already there folks. Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, the VA healthcare system, the Affordable Care Act, SNAP benefits, stimulus checks, the CARES ACT are all socialist programs, to a certain degree.

Now that the economy is in the tank, it's time for some income redistribution. So, let's all of us, the 99%, encourage the new administration and the new Congress to tax the rich.

Roland G. Langelier
Barre

Guest column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,

I am not sure how to begin my story this morning, as it is a little different than usual. Right after breakfast the kitchen door opened suddenly and in came Missy's daughter carrying a strange package, which she dumped right on the dining room table. The she proceeded to take something out of the bundle and into the living room where she put it on the floor.

I was curious as to what it was and jumped up on the magazine rack to see. Suddenly, it started wiggling and it seemed to have arms and legs. And yes, there was a face like Missy's other grandchildren. This must be the new baby she has been talking about.

Yep, the little thing is rolling all around and trying to talk to us. I watched it for a while and then decided to go into the computer room and check my trinkets to see if all were there. Missy had to get some more computer paper and it is located next to my special box. All is safe, thank God.

As I turned away, I noticed the closet door was partly open so I decided to explore. The things on the shelves were too big to pull down, but on the floor was a big plastic container and something had been taken out of it. It was partly opened so I climbed right in. That was neat, but then opening seemed to be closed as I was partly on it. Woe is me, what am I to do? I guess I'll just start meowing for Missy to come help me.

She must have mental telepathy, as she appeared right then and saw my predicament. She pulled the sack around and I was able to get out. Whew, I thanked her by rubbing her legs and then darted to the kitchen for a drink of water. Then I went into the living room and settled down on the sofa by the new fancy pillow for my nap.

Stay healthy this week folks.

Love,
Gertrude



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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

I got the vaccine on Thursday, Feb. 4 with 450 others at the PACC in Gardner. Both Ken and I only had a sore arm for a couple of days. It was very well organized and they had a timer hitched to the chair we sat in after the shot to wait 15 minutes. Actually the sore arm didn't come until later in the afternoon.

The local newspaper stated they never saw so many happy seniors getting a shot. It is a very good relief for many and after we get the second shot in four weeks we really will be happy. The seniors have had a hard time staying home. Spring can't come fast enough.

Today we plan to watch the Super Bowl and hopefully that doesn't make for more virus cases. For a special treat, we will get some chicken wings, French fries and onion rings. I don't plan to

make them, but if I did this is a recipe from the Heywood Hospital cookbook that I would use.

SILVER SPOON WINGS

1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup pineapple juice
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
2 to 3 lbs. chicken wings with tips cut off

Combine sugar, water, soy sauce, pineapple juice, oil, ginger and garlic powder. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Pour mixture over chicken wings in bowl so they are covered. Cover and refrigerate. Marinate stirring occasionally. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place wings on cookie sheet, bake 40 minutes or until tender, basting two

times with remaining marinade. Can be served hot or cold. Serves 6 to 8. Put under broiler after baking for 3 to 5 minutes to crisp, if desired.

This and That

I have been busy in the art room this week doing water colors of wildflowers of New England. I have done about eight wildflowers, which we find around our house, on 8 by 10 inch sheets of water color paper. I will later frame them in black frames with a mat. They are done in botanical style. This is a good way to sit down and rest after making meals and doing housework.

I haven't taken out my Jeep from the garage for three weeks. I guess I better start it up and give it a drive on the next nice day.

I am still calling a couple of

friends each day to check on them. Also, I got a call from a neighbor, who is calling seniors to check on them. That is why I live in a small community. Most of my friends say they are very bored. I guess it is one of the biggest problems of having to stay home. Even after getting the second vaccine, we must still wear the masks. One friend told me that few in Florida wear masks and hope they are not sorry. Most places can fine you if you don't wear one in public.

I saw in the news that some of our Representatives were fined \$5,000 for avoiding the metal detectors at the Capitol. I guess they will obey the laws now.

Have a good week and Happy Valentines day to all. Don't forget your sweetheart and make a special treat.

Whitney joins Cornerstone Bank as vice president, marketing

SOUTHBIDGE – Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 12 locations throughout Massachusetts, announces Alan Whitney joined the team in the role of vice president, marketing. Whitney comes to Cornerstone with more than 25 years of relevant industry experience.

“Alan is a seasoned veteran with fresh ideas and unbridled enthusiasm,” said Todd Tallman, president of Cornerstone Bank. “We are excited to see how he can help us continue to grow and provide an even better experience to our customers.”

Whitney held past positions with Agrium Advanced Technologies and Shemin Landscape Supply. Prior to joining the workforce, he served his country for six years in the United States Navy after graduating with a degree in business/

marketing from Western New England University. He currently serves as the chairman for the Ware Board of Selectman, the governing body of the community in which he resides with his wife, Laurie.

“I look forward to building upon the successes Cornerstone Bank has already achieved. In just my few short weeks here, I have noticed the slogan ‘Built on Trust’ is more than just words. Every member of the team works hard every day to earn and maintain the trust of our customers,” said Whitney. “That’s what sets us apart and one of the main reasons I’m so excited to be a part of the organization.”

Cornerstone Bank is an independent, mutual savings bank serving residents, businesses and communities throughout Central Massachusetts.

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munity events, caused Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts to move to remote scouting, while Boy Scouts adapted and made the best of it, virtual church services, Town Hall closed since March, campgrounds adjusting to lower occupancy and increased COVID guidelines, Treasure Valley Boy Scout Camp being closed for its first summer since 1926, we came together as a community. The Board of Health and The Board of Selectmen, and other town departments worked together to address a once a century pandemic. We became stronger together.”

Seeing that the need for the vaccine in the community was great, the Oakham Board of Health, along with New Braintree Board of Health, worked with their local Councils on Aging to reach their senior population. Oakham Council on Aging member Lucy Tessnau provided the board with a list of seniors to invite and aided them in preparing mailings to send to 300 recipients age 65 and up. Tessnau and O'Neill made calls to over 200 residents and assisted them



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The Oakham Board of Health shown from left, Diana VanOudenhove, Ariana O'Neill and Aaron Langlois. The Board of Health is currently planning a second dose vaccination clinic for Feb. 27.

in emailing registration information or registering over the phone for those without computer access. New Braintree Council on Aging member Joanne Thompson worked with New Braintree Board of Health member Paul Thompson to gather information for their town's residents. Langlois said their biggest challenge with connecting with their senior population has been technology as some seniors do not have com-

puters, internet or email. “However, that isn't stopping us from using old fashioned USPS and telephone to assist with notification or registration,” he said.

Connecting with residents was just one of the many aspects of organizing this clinic. O'Neill attended trainings in order to get set up for ordering the vaccine, as well as registering for the Commonwealth's online portals and collaborating

with Rutland Health Agent Richard Stevens. “Despite a lack of coordination from the State or Federal Government directly with Oakham, we had the good fortune of having the Rutland Health Agent, Richard Stevens and Rutland Fire Chief Seth Knipe who helped us to gain access to the necessary systems to order the vaccine and register our residents, store the vaccine in a special freezer and give us the practical support as we got this going on our own,” said Langlois. Oakham Fire Chief Tim Howe provided use of the Fire Department's building for the drive through clinic and helped determine the logistics of hosting the clinic there.

From start to finish, planning this clinic took 55 volunteer hours (for Oakham residents alone) to become reality, with 13 individuals giving of their time and services at the clinic. Volunteers included members of both town's boards and councils, local nurses and even students in need of community service hours for school. “Our Board of Health has become a united and energized force to support public health efforts in Oakham. We hope for a day that we can obtain increased funding from

the State – which currently provides zero dollars to support public health or regulatory requirements that Oakham is required to oversee and enforce. We are fortunate that the Town of Oakham, which has until recently only been able to fund the BOH at \$300 for public health efforts, this fiscal year funded \$5300,” said Langlois.

Oakham Board of Health has used many forms of communication to keep residents informed about the spread of the virus, including running a Facebook page. To register residents for the clinic, Langlois said “We have used mailings, telephone calls, email, our town Board of Health webpage, Board of Health Facebook page and reverse 911 phone technology.”

After the success of this clinic, Langlois looked forward to the future saying, “We hope to soon start a sharps disposal program to ensure sharps do not make it into trash risking injury to others. Later in the Spring, we hope to start an annual hazardous waste disposal day and come the Fall regularly offer a flu clinic for residents of Oakham and other health promotion efforts with seniors and the young alike.”



Ariana O'Neill is shown holding a box of vaccines in preparation for the clinic.

To stay current on the spread of the COVID-19 virus in Oakham, and future vaccination clinics, people should visit www.oakham-ma.gov under “Board of Health,” email boh@oakham-ma.gov, leave a message at 508-882-3060, or find them on Facebook at “Oakham Board of Health.” The Board's Facebook page is updated regularly.

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Where is this?



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This week's mystery photo is from Barre. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, Feb. 15. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Gary Brigham, Dick Clark, Stephen Craven, Scott Davis, Rosemary Horan, Barbara Kempski, Evelyn Luukko, Carolyn Semon, Bruce Townner and Phillip Warbasse correctly identified the photo. Last week's photo was the entrance to the old Rutland Heights Hospital property, Rte. 56, Rutland.

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Chatigny on administrative leave with pay beginning Jan. 14. This administrative leave allowed time for town officials to complete an internal investigation and hold a meeting to gather additional information, which occurred in executive session last month. The town administrator said he had the police department investigate to see if there were any criminal charges and found none. McLane said he negotiated with a the detective's lawyer and accepted Chatigny's resignation Feb. 1. McLane said

all employees will review state ethics law and take training. McLane said the review and training for all employees would help make sure this did not happen again.

Other business

The select board and parks commission held a joint meeting. Parks said they wanted to get started as soon as possible with the playground at Curtis Recreation Field. The commission said this project would not be a community build. Instead the work would be completed by a vendor. The turnaround with a vendor would be much quicker and take two to five days. To do a community build, it

would require 40 plus volunteers. The commission requested having the Department of Public Works remove the old playground. The select board agreed and chair Dan Galante said to let the board when they needed it done. Other projects for Curtis Field included the bandstand and walking paths.

The select board waived first refusal on property at 9 Morgan Road. The select board approved a three-year contract with the town administrator. They also approved union contracts with DPW and Police and an Inter Municipal Agreement for veterans service with Westminster.

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Quabbin Regional School Committee Member two positions for 3-year terms
David A. Deschamps, 481 Britton Rd East 2 0 2 4 candidate for re-election (papers returned)
Stanley "Lee" J. Wolanin, 1118 Old Hardwick Road, candidate for

re-election

Nomination papers are available to run for any of the above positions at the Town Clerk's Office located at the Henry Woods Building (basement) until 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. MGL C. 53, §9A.

Nomination Papers must be returned back to the Town Clerk's Office for certification of signatures by the Board of Registrars no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday,

Feb. 16. Any papers received after the deadline will be accepted late and will not be certified. MGL C. 53, §7.

The last day to register to vote for this election will be 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16 MGL C. 53, §26, 28. Questions regarding voter registration or the election should be directed to Ellen Glidden, Town Clerk at 978-355-2504, extension 5.

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of town?" The top answer was "new parks, picnic areas, walking trails – recreation" with 37%.

The fourth question was "Should the town work to invest money/grants acquiring land in town?" The response was divided among wetlands and forest conservation, 21%, nothing, 19%, parks, 18%, water access, 11%, farms and landscapes, 10%, with community gardens and sports fields tying at 7% each.

Hicks said while she thinks people are clearly excited about outdoor activities, they may not be as eager to spend money on it. She pointed out that it is possible to preserve land through grants, such as the town and East Quabbin Land Trust with Wendemuth Meadow on Bates Street.

Joseph Holway commented on the tremendous work various people have done for areas in town, but questioned how the town will maintain these spaces going forward. Holway said that as they expand the Rail Trail and other spaces, they need to keep in mind that the Fire Department does not have the equipment to rescue people from the woods. Holway said he felt the town should also have a parks and recreation committee.

Another resident said even though 19% of those surveyed were not in favor of investing money/grants for acquiring land, 81% were. Hicks said that private landowners can also put conservation restrictions on their land and preserve it, while remaining owners of the land.

Historic landmarks

The 2007 Open Space and Recreation Plan created a list of North Brookfield's natural and cultural resources. Sharon Donovan, of the Historical Commission, said she and Marilyn Borst, also on the Historical Commission, have been

compiling a list of historical landmarks using both the 2007 list and a reconnaissance report from 2013.

She said they will hopefully be enlisting local high school students to assist them so they can submit a completed list to the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Hicks said that she would be grateful if they shared their findings with the Master Plan Committee so it be added to their list. A resident commented that it would be helpful to have a map of these scenic and unique environments. Hicks said they would like to provide a map of the most significant areas.

Avery reminded residents that many of these environments are on private property. Orsi said they should consider adding a column on the plan that describes what land is private and what is public. Borst stated that some places, such as Brooks Pond, are privately-owned, but open to the public if the rules of the property are respected and followed.

Master Plan goals

Hicks said the purpose of the Master Plan is to create goals and objectives. In the 2007 plan there were four goals. Hicks said they will be reviewing these goals and determining what changes could kept or removed.

The first goal was "Maintain North Brookfield's Rural Character." Residents at the forum agreed that this goal should remain in the current plan. Many residents expressed a desire to protect farms and microfarms, and to also create a comprehensive list of local farms.

The second goal was "Preserve and Enhance North Brookfield's Water Resources." Residents voiced that this goal is still very important, especially preserving the ponds, rivers and reservoir. Holway, who is also the town's fire chief, said the Horse Pond reservoir is actu-

ally very vulnerable. He said if an oil truck were to overturn on Rufus Putnam Road, it could spill oil into the reservoir. A resident agreed and commented that North Brookfield is lucky to own their water supply. Holway said they might want to consider the addition of "back-up" wells in the event the reservoir was to become contaminated, as the town does not currently have any.

The third goal was "Enhance the Community's Knowledge about Open Space in North Brookfield." Orsi suggested encouraging the school to host local field trips to explore the flora and fauna of the town to promote education.

The fourth goal was "Provide North Brookfield with Varied and Well-Maintained Recreational Opportunities and Facilities." Orsi said that "enhance" might be a better word than "provide" for this goal. She feels it is a great goal but could use some rewording to coincide with projects that they are working on.

Hicks said a possible new goal for the 2021 plan that she wanted to adapt is, "To create a resilient, connected network of protected lands where natural systems can provide the ecological services that will maintain the health and well-being of North Brookfield residents into the future." Residents agreed that this fifth goal should be added to the current plan, in addition to the 2007 goals. Hicks said this goal is about the future. "It's about protecting the nature that keeps up alive," she said.

North Brookfield residents are encouraged to contact Hicks at FabHicks@aol.com with any feedback on the Open Space and Recreation Plan. Orsi said there will be several more forums in the future as they work on this plan.

Residents thanked the Master Plan Committee for their efforts and for hosting the forum.

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icals with upcoming reforms and would want to appoint a town physician. He said it would be good idea to have a town physician available to perform physicals and provide the board of selectmen with a separate report before any employee can return from an injury. The board agreed to contact some physician services in the area, then follow up at the next meeting.

Other business

Finance chair Paul Rochette

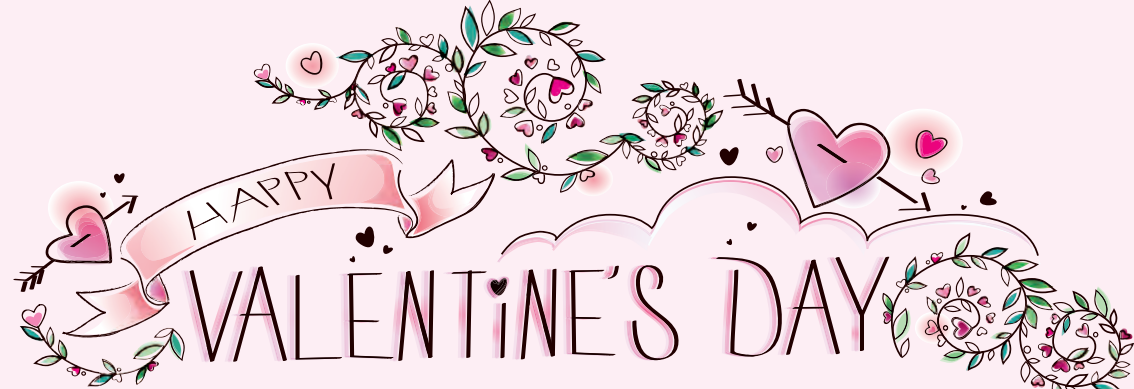
said the Finance Committee was concerned regarding an accounting issue with funds being carried over from the previous fiscal year. He said the finance committee would like a policy put in place requiring all accounts to close out at zero, as they have done in the past.

He said his second concern was as a citizen and he had a problem with the fire car being parked out back and not being used. He said if there was something wrong with it, a mechanic should look at it. Selectman Taylor said he would follow up with the fire chief in the

morning.

Selectman Tessnau provided a copy of the Board of Selectmen's Annual Report to the other members for review and requested everyone's feedback after they had time to look it over.

Selectman Haapakoski said the board needed to address the holiday pay schedule with the police department. He said there was more shifts being put in for overtime pay, than there should have been. The board agreed to follow up with Police Chief Fred Gehring at an upcoming meeting.



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Home sweet court: Quabbin streak continues

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—Senior forward Julia Hamel couldn't recall the last time that Quabbin lost a home game. That's because it hadn't happened in two years.

The Panthers won their 14th consecutive home game by posting a 61-43 victory over the Narragansett Warriors, last Thursday night.

"It feels great to win another home game. I really cannot remember the last time that we lost a

game in this gym," said Hamel, who became a member of the girls' varsity basketball team as a freshman. "It stinks that there isn't going to be a postseason tournament this year, but everyone is just thankful to be playing basketball."

Quabbin, who had a 5-1 overall record following last Thursday's home game, won their first four home games this winter. The Panthers posted a perfect 9-0 mark on their homecourt a year ago. They also defeated Quaboag in the final home game of the 2018-19 regular season. The last team

to defeat Quabbin inside Panther Gym was St. Peter Marian by the final score of 39-33 on February 14, 2019.

Hamel, who scored 7 points and pulled down 10 rebounds in the home win against the Warriors, along with senior forward Kacie McCreddie (1 point) are the only seniors listed on the Panthers varsity roster. The co-captains were slated to be honored on senior night, which was scheduled to take place versus Leominster on Monday.

"We're going to honor Julia and Kacie with a video on Monday

night," said Quabbin head coach Evan Barringer. "They've put the team first this year, which is the type of leadership that I don't think can be taught. They're both very special players to me, especially being a first-year coach."

A total of four Quabbin players reached double digits in the first meeting of the season against Narragansett Regional (3-4), which is in Baldwinville.

The trio of junior center Ashley Leighton, junior guard Jordyn Gillon, and sophomore guard Olivia Rose scored 13 points

apiece. Leighton nearly posted a double-double, as she finished the game with eight rebounds. The duo of Gillon and Rose combined to make six of the Panthers nine 3-point shots.

"We made a total of nine 3-pointers tonight, which is exceptional," Barringer said. "We shot the ball very well."

Freshman guard Meaghan Doyle, who also made a pair of 3-pointers, finished with a career-high 10 points.

"I've never seen a freshman play as well as Meaghan did in tonight's

game," said Hamel, who assisted on two of Doyle's baskets early in the second quarter after stealing the ball. "She's a very talented basketball player."

Doyle, who scored a total of 14 points in the first five games of the season, scored seven of her points during the second quarter, which helped the Panthers hold onto the lead.

"You can just see Meaghan's confidence grow during the last week or so," Barringer said. "There

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Football season vote reconsidered

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – The actual composition of the high school football season is back up in the air after the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association voted to reconsider its decision on a format for the 2021-2022 season.

Just a few weeks after agreeing on a format that would be used this fall, the MIAA Board of Directors backtracked on the vote, voting overwhelming in favor in a special meeting last Thursday morning to reconsider its decision.

This fall is set to be the first under the new statewide tournament format that was voted into

effect in early 2020. Unfortunately, Western Massachusetts schools did not have the opportunity to have one final sectional tournament before the new tournament format takes effect.

The original vote was to have a nine-week season beginning Labor Day weekend and going to the first week of November. There would then be eight qualifying teams per Division to participate in a statewide tournament. There are currently scheduled to be eight divisions in high school football though their exact composition has not been determined. Most other high school sports will be divided into five divisions in order to level the competition throughout

the state.

One other proposal presented a few weeks back was to have an eight-week qualifying campaign, much similar to the existing format. The only difference being the fact the playoffs will be a state tournament instead of a four-team sectional, followed by state semifinals. The state finals would still be scheduled to take place after Thanksgiving, and Thanksgiving holiday matchups could still be preserved.

One thing that would change are the consolation games that occurred among non-playoff teams. The consolation games were determined by a committee in the

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Indoor football team signs players for upcoming season

WORCESTER — The Massachusetts Pirates have signed offensive lineman Jared Thomas for the 2021 season.

Thomas (6'3", 300 lbs.) last played college football at Northwestern University. He appeared in 51 total games during his four years on the field, including starting all 14 games at center during his junior and senior seasons. Thomas redshirted as a true freshman at Northwestern in 2015.

Some of Thomas' accomplishments at Northwestern include being named 2019 team captain and 2019 All-Big Ten Honorable Mention.

The Pirates have also signed offensive lineman Dwayne

Wallace. Wallace last played in The Spring League in November 2020. He also played in XFL for the Los Angeles Wildcats in 2020.

Wallace has garnered professional football experience outside of the Pirates. After going undrafted in the 2019 NFL Draft, Wallace had brief stops in the NFL with the Pittsburgh Steelers and Chicago Bears. Wallace took part in rookie minicamps for both teams in May 2019.

Prior to his professional football career, Wallace played college football at three different schools. First, he enrolled at Riverside City College for his freshman and sophomore seasons. He then transferred to the University of California at

Berkeley for his junior year.

In his senior year, he transferred again, this time to the University of Kansas. That season, Wallace started 9 games at right guard. He also started a game at right tackle. Following his college football career, Wallace was a 2019 NFLPA Collegiate Bowl Participant. The Massachusetts Pirates are members of the Indoor Football League (IFL). The Pirates play all home games at the DCU Center located at 50 Foster St. Worcester, MA. 01608. For more information on the Massachusetts Pirates please call (508) 452-MASS (6277), email contact@masspiratesfootball.com or visit www.masspiratesfootball.com

Challenge Cup set to finally debut



Submitted photo

Alan Ward is one racer who will be trying to compete in the Late Model Challenge Cup this year.

REGION — After a one-year delay, The New England Late Model Challenge Cup (NELMCC) is finally debuting in 2021 — and it will be even bigger than originally planned. American-Canadian Tour (ACT) officials confirmed today that nine tracks have signed up for the first season of the series that will pit weekly Late Model racers from across the region in a summer-long battle for pride, glory, and some serious prize money.

The inaugural Challenge Cup was originally slated for the 2020 season before being pushed back a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The basic format remains the same, with registered drivers taking their 10 best eligible finishes at participating tracks towards the season-long point standings.

However, the scope of the program has grown tremendously during the one-year hiatus. Nine tracks from four New England states have signed up, nearly double the amount that were originally

registered for 2020.

The increase in tracks also means an increase in the season-ending awards. A guaranteed minimum point fund of \$14,000 has been posted for the Challenge Cup. The \$100 registration fee for each driver will also be added to the point fund in full. For example, if 40 drivers sign up for the series, another \$4,000 would be added to the point fund for a total of \$18,000.

Should registration be on pace with the 2020 pre-pandemic numbers, the total point fund could exceed \$20,000. A minimum prize of \$3,000 goes to the overall winner. At least the top-10 drivers in the final standings will receive payouts.

Several big contingency and raffle awards have been posted, adding even more value to the program for racer. A Port City Chassis by Crazy Horse Racing will be raffled off at season's end. To qualify for the chassis raffle, drivers must reg-

ister by the deadline and attempt to qualify for at least 10 point-counting events.

ARBodies and Five Star Bodies are each awarding a \$500 product certificate. Drivers who finish in the overall top-10 and have declared they are running an AR or Five Star body will be eligible for these raffles.

Drivers who register by the early-entry deadline of March 1 will also be entered into a Hoosier Tire raffle. Two randomly chosen entrants each receive two free ACT Late Model tires from Hoosier. ACT will also honor the tire awards of the 2020 pre-pandemic raffle winners if they register for this year's Challenge Cup.

"This program is a huge step forward for weekly Late Model racing in New England," ACT managing partner Cris Michaud said. "The Challenge Cup was one of the things we were most excited about

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Full slate of Mass Golf championships return this season

NORTON – Mass Golf is excited to announce the return of a full schedule for Championships and Women's Championships during the 2021 season. While Mass Golf was able to conduct a majority of its events and qualifiers in 2020, this year's slate will also include the return of events canceled last year due to COVID-19, such as the Massachusetts Open.

According to Kevin Eldridge, Mass Golf's Director of Rules and Competitions, about 60 championship events, including 18-hole qualifying rounds, are being scheduled, and they will take place at 63 different Mass Golf Member Clubs. In total, more than 4,600 registrations are expected. "This year's line-up of championship events and qualifiers wouldn't have been possible without the support and dedication of all our host clubs,"

Eldridge said.

"As we enter into what we plan to be a full season of Mass Golf events, we remain committed to maintaining the level of care and attention put towards keeping our competitors, volunteers, host club personnel, and staff safe," said Jesse Menachem, Mass Golf Executive Director/CEO. "Statewide and nationally, golf was recognized as a safe recreational activity during times of great restriction and we are confident that we will keep this positive momentum surrounding the sport going into the 2021 season."

Online registrations for 2021 Mass Golf events will begin in early March. Additional details surrounding the new registration platform and the registration open dates will be provided in the coming weeks.

Former Celtic great Pierce among Hall candidates

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame today announced the list of eligible candidates for the Class of 2021, including first-time nominees Doug Collins, Michael Cooper, Howard Garfinkel, Lou Henson, Paul Pierce, Val Ackerman, Yolanda Griffith and Lauren Jackson.

Returning to the ballot are fan-favorite nominees Chauncey Billups, Chris Bosh, Richard Hamilton, Bob Huggins, Ben Wallace, Chris Webber, Jay Wright, Swin Cash and Becky Hammon among others.

A first look at the list of eligible nominees was provided by The

Jump on ESPN, hosted by Rachel Nichols, and Class of 2021 nominee Paul Pierce. A complete list of eligible candidates can be found attached.

Following the Hall of Fame's traditional timeline, Finalists from the North American and Women's committee for the Class of 2021 will be announced in the timeframe of NBA All-Star Weekend, which is scheduled for early March. The entire Class of 2021, including those selected by the direct elect committees, will be unveiled in the timeframe of the NCAA Final Four scheduled for early April. Event details are forthcoming, and the announcement timeline is subject

to change.

The Class of 2021 Enshrinement ceremony is scheduled to take place in Springfield, Mass., in September 2021. As previously announced, the Class of 2020 Enshrinement ceremony has been rescheduled and relocated due to COVID-19 and is scheduled for May 13-15, 2021 at Mohegan Sun.

Tickets for the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2020 and 2021 Enshrinement ceremonies and various events surrounding the ceremonies will be on-sale at a later date. For the latest news and updates, follow @hoophall on Twitter and Instagram.

Sign-ups now available for 2021 Relics softball

LUDLOW – The Western Mass Relics has opened registration for the 2021 Senior Softball Season. The Silver Division (age 50 to 64) has filled 36 of the

112 spots and the Gold Division (65-and-up) has filled 32 of the 96 spots. The registrations are accepted on a first come first serve basis. All our games are

played at the Fish & Game in Ludlow.

For further information or to register go to <http://www.westernmassrelics.org>.

Pioneers to host Pelham clinic

LUDLOW – Western United Pioneers FC is excited to offer a soccer clinic in Pelham, MA for players in the Massachusetts North Region. The clinic provides off-season training and skill development by WUP FC coaches. The second sessions available.

This program is offered to boys and girls born in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. The four-week program includes one practice per week for a total of \$65 per session. Sessions will consist of a max of 15 players per field (COVID regulation for the players' safety).

SESSION 2: MONDAYS 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, and 3/15

Boys and Girls Born 2013 and 2014: Session is at 5 p.m.

Boys and Girls Born 2010, 2011, and 2012: Session is at 6 p.m.

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Education

Portrait of a Graduate seek artwork for virtual exhibit

GARDNER – Mount Wachusett Community College is putting out the call for students and parents in North Central Massachusetts to submit original artwork for a virtual exhibit to be held through the Fitchburg Art Museum in March.

The exhibit, called “Portrait of a Graduate in North Central Mass.,” is looking for submissions, which represent the students’ vision for

what the future of school should look like for all students.

Using the medium and materials of their choice, artists can choose from one of four prompts:

What should the new normal for school be post-pandemic?

What ingredients does a perfect school need for students to be successful after they graduate?

What can happen in our com-

munity when we can be respectful enough to hear all voices?

If aliens wanted to build a perfect school on their planet and visited your school, what would they want to take back to their world because it’s so awesome?

Students and families interested in participating should submit their artwork in digital form by Feb. 15 along with a 3-5 sentence descrip-

tion of the piece and its inspiration.

The “Portrait of a Graduate in North Central Mass” exhibit will launch on March 10. Exhibition pieces will be judged by a panel of recent MWCC art program graduates as well as local community members. Awards will be announced at the end of March.

Through a grant from the Barr Foundation, the Portrait of a

Graduate program seeks to develop a collective vision of what all high school students will know and be able to do by graduation.

“Thanks to our partnership with Inspire to Change, a St. Paul-based organization which specializes in coaching, facilitation and research, we will be able to use the exhibit to extract meaningful knowledge from arts-based methods” stated Lauren

Mountain, Director of the United Way Youth Venture Program at MWCC and Portrait of a Graduate lead. “The art show is a vehicle to help us understand what students of all ages envision for their ideal learning experience.”

More details, including links to the artists submission form and expanded instructions can be found on the uwvyv.mwcc.edu website.

Cornerstone Bank offers student scholarships

SOUTHBRIDGE – Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 12 locations throughout central Massachusetts, will be awarding sixteen \$2,000 scholarships to students in the area it serves. Cornerstone Bank is hoping to help 2021 high school graduates throughout their community pursue higher education and foster advancement in the fields of business and finance. The sixteen scholarships will be awarded to the students who best demonstrate achievement in academics, extracurricular activities and community involvement.

“Making sure the future leaders of America get a great education is so important to us at Cornerstone Bank,” said CEO Todd Tallman. “We are excited to be able to help students achieve their dreams every year to go into the business or finance industries. Access to a good education can be difficult for many students, especially with how difficult this past year has been, so we hope the help we are able to provide to this group of graduates helps them to reach their goals.”

To apply for a scholarship, the student must:

- Be a 2021 high school graduate
- Reside within 10 miles of a Cornerstone Bank branch or office
- Anticipate being a full-time student at an accredited, degree-granting institution of

higher education

Anticipate studying in a business or financial field

Demonstrate achievement and high standards in academics, extracurricular activities and community involvement

Submit an official transcript and GPA from their guidance office

In addition, the student must choose one of the following prompts and submit a one-page typed essay:

“Are there any challenges you have had to overcome in your high school career?” or “What are your goals for the future, and how will this scholarship assist you in meeting them?”

Applications must be submitted or postmarked to Cornerstone Bank by April 5. Please send all applications to scholarships@cornerstonebank.com, or mail to Cornerstone Bank Scholarship Committee: P.O. Box 370, Southbridge, MA 01550. Selected recipients will be announced by the week of May 24. Scholarship funds will be disbursed to the student after successful completion of the first semester, and upon presentation of an official copy of the first semester transcript and second semester bill. For more information, and to download the application form, please visit cornerstonebank.com/scholarships/.

Tiana Morin graduates from University of New Hampshire

DURHAM, N.H. – Tiana Morin of Barre graduated from the University of New Hampshire in December 2020. She earned a Bachelor of Science in health and

physical education.

Students are only graduated after the Registrar’s Office certified all degree requirements were successfully completed.

College Dean's and President's Lists

Margaret Anderson makes College of the Holy Cross dean’s list

WORCESTER – Margaret Anderson of Barre was named to the College of the Holy Cross fall 2020 dean’s list. A member of the Class of 2021, Anderson is majoring in French and Francophone studies.

To qualify, students must pass four or more letter-graded courses with no failing grades during the semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

UMass Amherst announces fall 2020 dean’s list

AMHERST – The University of Massachusetts Amherst announces the dean’s list for the fall 2020 semester. In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale.

Local students making the dean’s list are: William Francis Cranston, Grace Elizabeth Pellegrino, Abby Rose Vellozo, Cicely M Weber, Cassandra L Whitlaw and James Maximillian Whitney, all of Barre; Lauren Stephanie Wojcik of Hardwick; Olivia Amato-Hansen, Christine M Barbera, Olivia Lyn Charland, Jennifer Katie Gosselin, Molly Jaye Guertin, Samuel Michael Kenneway, Samantha Faye Prentiss and Anna See, all of Hubbardston; Justin Patrick Rife of New Braintree; Emily Louise Gianfriddo, Amelia Marie Jordan, Evan J Krause, and Sarah Tonks, all of North Brookfield; Ashley Brennan and Olivia Trask Lapati, both of Petersham and Antonia

Araya Araya Budnik, Junichi Jay Ash, Abigail Joan Bedard, Dillon Anthony Brigley, Aidan Joseph Brooks, Kylie Debra Dwyer, Marnie Michele Fitzgerald, Charlotte Katherine Gridley, Liam Robert Griffin, Simon T Houghton, Sydney Elizabeth Lamoureux, Amanda Lynn Lorusso, Gavin Carter Maenzo, Annalise Caitlyn Poole, Brendan Michael-Louis Sardella, Madison Sarah Starkey, Sahira Toledo, and Geoffrey Alan Vanrenterghem, all of Rutland.

Local students make dean’s list at NEIT

EAST GREENWICH, RI — Dr. Douglas H. Sherman, Senior Vice President and Provost at New England Institute of Technology, is pleased to announce the following student(s) who have achieved dean’s list status for the quarter ending Dec.19, 2020. Students must achieve a GPA of 3.6 or higher on a maximum scale of 4.0 to qualify. Local students earning dean’s list are: Emily Ledoux of North Brookfield and Maja Mazierkowska and Ethan Ross, both of Rutland.

American International College announces dean’s list

SPRINGFIELD – American International College announces their dean’s list for the fall 2020 semester. Dean’s list students are full time students, who have achieved a 3.3 to 4.0 GPA.

Local students making the fall dean’s list are Tiffany Ducharme of Ware, Shawn Hardy of Oakham, Kianna Reilly of Petersham, Sarah Roach of Barre and Luigi Zebrowski of Ware.

Endicott College announces dean’s list

BEVERLY – Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, announces its fall 2020 dean’s list students. In order to qualify for the dean’s list, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below “C,” have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

Local students making dean’s list are: Katharine Jablonski, a political science major of Barre; Gonzalo Arbiza, a biology/biotechnology major, Anna Berd, an English major and Macayla Loescher, a business management major, all of Hubbardston; Zachary Nadeau, a criminal justice major and Alexis Novak, a liberal studies/education major, both of Rutland.

Quinnipiac University announces dean’s list

HAMDEN, CONN. – Quinnipiac University announces the dean’s list for the fall 2020 semester.

Local students making the dean’s list are: Emily Thompson of Hubbardston, Lauren Galligan of New Braintree and Abbygail Simes of Rutland.

To qualify for the dean’s list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester.

Husson University’s list academic honors

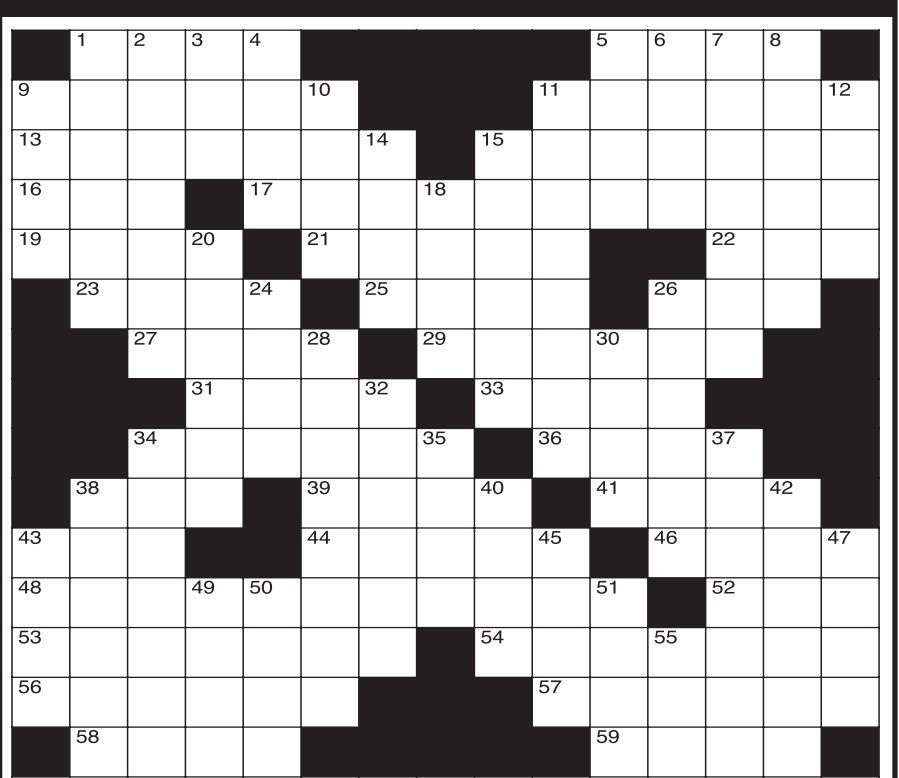
BANGOR, MAINE – Husson University announces its president’s list, dean’s list and honors list for the 2020 fall semester.

Ryley A. Newcomb of Barre made the university president’s list for the fall 2020 semester. She is a junior, who is currently enrolled in Husson’s Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science/ Doctor of Physical Therapy program. Students, who make the president’s list must carry at least 12 graded credit hours during the semester and earn a grade point average of 3.80 to 4.0 during the period.

Carla Jodianna Rodriguez of Rutland made the dean’s list. She is a first-year student enrolled in Husson’s Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences program. Students, who make the dean’s list must carry at least 12 graded credit hours during the semester and earn a grade point average of 3.60 to 3.79 during the period.

Shannon Bridget Dowd of Hubbardston and Alexia Jordan Topor of Ware made the fall 2020 honors list at Husson University. Dowd, is a junior who is currently enrolled in Husson’s Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration and Public Health/Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program.

Topor is a first-year student, who is currently enrolled in Husson’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Students, who make the honors list must carry at least 12 graded credit hours during the semester and earn a grade point average of 3.4 to 3.59 during the period.



- CLUES ACROSS**

 - 1. Composed
 - 5. Lesotho currency
 - 9. Ethnic group associated with Hungarians
 - 11. Gains knowledge of
 - 13. Gradual destruction
 - 15. Purchase
 - 16. Pharaoh of lower Egypt
 - 17. Where you’re going
 - 19. The 6th letter of the Greek alphabet
 - 21. Fishing net
 - 22. Midway between south and southeast
 - 23. A way to sort
 - 25. C C C
 - 26. Popular sports podcast (abbr.)
 - 27. Discount
 - 29. Consumes tobacco
 - 31. A way to run
- 33. Popular musical awards show
 - 34. Pertains to the male sexual organ
 - 36. Supplements with difficulty
 - 38. Green veggie
 - 39. Deep-bodied freshwater fish
 - 41. Holy fire
 - 43. Usually has a lid
 - 44. Being of use or service
 - 46. Have a yen for
 - 48. Unknowingness
 - 52. Dry white wine drink
 - 53. Unwinds
 - 54. Traveling by sea
 - 56. Outdoor entertaining areas
 - 57. Stringed instruments
 - 58. ___ Redgrave, actress
- CLUES DOWN**

 - 1. Progressive decay of a bone or tooth
 - 2. Burrowing rodents
 - 3. French/Belgian river
 - 4. A professional cleaner
 - 5. A Russian river
 - 6. Kiln
 - 7. True statements
 - 8. Most private
 - 9. French city
 - 10. Masses of fish eggs
 - 11. Apart from others
 - 12. Monetary unit of Samoa
 - 14. Nanosecond
 - 15. Film
 - 18. Men’s fashion accessories
 - 20. Flowering shrub
 - 24. North Carolina university
- 26. Former monetary unit of Spain
 - 28. Foodies
 - 30. New Zealand parrot
 - 32. Makes very happy
 - 34. A payment required for not fulfilling a contract
 - 35. Emerald Isle
 - 37. The act of terminating someone’s employment
 - 38. Gland in some mammals
 - 40. Commoner
 - 42. Large animals
 - 43. Belch
 - 45. Employee stock ownership plan
 - 47. Work units
 - 49. Wagon
 - 50. Nerve fiber
 - 51. Proclaimed
 - 55. Japanese delicacy

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isn’t anything more enjoyable as a head coach then seeing one of your younger players perform like she did in tonight’s game.”

Quabbin was only leading by a point (25-24) late in the first half when Leighton, who scored eight first half points, hit a jumper from the left corner. Then a driving lay-up by Gillon pushed the Panthers lead to five points.

Following a jumper in the lane by junior forward Julie Davis, who paced the Warriors with a game-high 18 points, Hamel knocked down a 3-point shot from the left corner at the buzzer ending the first half.

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MIAA for Weeks 9 and 10 as a way to bridge the gap for teams between the eight-week qualifying season and Thanksgiving.

Now, the MIAA is not planning to specifically come up with matchups, but one area athletic director, Agawam’s David Stratton, said a local organization, like the PVIAC, could determine non-playoff games based on

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in 2020 before the pandemic. Now, with nearly twice as many tracks on board plus some great contingency partners, it’s going to be even bigger for teams and fans.”

“Weekly racers are the backbone of the sport, and it’s important to reward them for their efforts,” Michaud went on. “We’ve come up with a program that does so and which we think will boost car counts and action throughout the region.”

Four tracks from the original 2020 slate will return for the 2021 debut: Barre, VT’s Thunder Road Speedbowl; North Woodstock, NH’s White Mountain Motorsports Park; Connecticut’s Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park; and Massachusetts’ Seekonk Speedway.

Five other tracks have joined the Challenge Cup. Connecticut’s New London-Waterford Speedbowl will be the sec-

“I’ve made a couple of buzzer-beaters in the past, but they weren’t 3-pointers,” Hamel said “It definitely gave me a lot more confidence entering the second half because I missed a lot of shots in the first half. Coach Barringer also gave us a motivating halftime speech.”

The Panthers put-together an impressive 14-2 run during the first four minutes of the third quarter.

“That was a huge 3-pointer by Julia to end the first half,” Barringer said. “Then we began the second half with a really nice run. We only had one turnover during the entire third quarter.”

With 5:55 remaining in the third quarter, back-to-back 3-pointers by Gillon gave the home team a commanding 39-26 advantage.

who is not involved in the tournament.

“If we did non-playoff games, it would have to be done on a local level,” said Stratton.

Following the reconsideration vote, there was a motion for the nine-week season again, but it was defeated.

Now, the exact regular season format will have to wait until a future meeting as the meeting concluded without a new vote on how many weeks the regular season will be.

“Anytime we need a 3-pointer, Jordyn is normally the player to make it for us,” Barringer said. “Everyone on the team knows she’s capable of making that shot.”

Two minutes later, the Panthers were leading 46-28 following a Leighton put-back hoop, a Rose fast-break lay-up, and another 3-pointer by Gillon.

Quabbin entered the final eight minutes of the contest holding a 51-35 lead.

The Panthers scored only ten points during the fourth quarter, but they were able to keep the double-digit lead and celebrated another home victory.

Two days later, Leighton (17 points) and Hamel (16 points) combined for 33 points, which helped the Panthers sweep the season series against the Warriors with a 52-40 road win.

In Western Massachusetts, teams will still be playing in competitive conferences, which usually consist of five to seven teams. Depending on whether the regular season will be eight or nine weeks, teams would have to pick up independent games against non-conference teams.

Football teams will have an opportunity to play again in the Fall 2 season, set for next month. However, there will be no playoffs for the Fall 2 season.

ond Connecticut track. Furthermore, four tracks from the New Hampshire Short Track Racing Association (NHSTRA) have signed up: Monadnock Speedway, Lee USA Speedway, Hudson Speedway, and Claremont Speedway.

Any competitor at the four NHSTRA tracks must use the ACT Late Model rules option the organization has introduced for the 2021 season. In other words, cars need to be 100% ACT legal for drivers to earn Challenge Cup points.

All weekly Late Model features at participating tracks will be eligible for the Challenge Cup. Registered drivers can earn Challenge Cup points at any of the nine tracks. For example, a Thunder Road Late Model regular can also earn points at White Mountain, and a Thompson Speedway regular can also earn points at New London-Waterford Speedbowl or Monadnock Speedway.

A driver’s 10 best performances across all tracks count towards their NELMCC total.

Points will be awarded based on finishing position, car count, and cars passed. The full system is available at www.acttour.com/NELMCC.

Participating tracks are responsible for reporting results to the ACT offices. ACT Late Model Tour events and “open events” at these tracks are not eligible for Challenge Cup points.

To register for the New England Late Model Challenge Cup, drivers must submit the entry form along with a \$100 registration fee by Monday, April 5. Entries postmarked by Monday, March 1 will be eligible for the Hoosier tire drawing. The entry form and point system outline are available at www.acttour.com/NELMCC and on participating track websites. For more information, contact the ACT offices at (802) 244-6963, media@acttour.com, or visit www.acttour.com. You can also get updates on Facebook and Twitter at @ACTTour.

Church News



Turley Publications Submitted Photo
Jeanne Hanson, of Gilbertville, was recently honored for her service to the church and surrounding communities.

Tri-Parish Community Church honors Jeanne Hanson

NEW BRAINTREE — Despite the threat of another nasty snowstorm on Sunday, Feb. 7, an enthusiastic crowd of worshippers met at the Tri-Parish Community Church in the New Braintree Congregational Church. Guest Pastor, Rev. Kathleen Fitzgibbons, gave a message based on Exodus 33:7, with a special story for the children. Beautiful music was provided by pianist Holly Bartelmann.

Following the church service, the annual business meeting accomplished a lot of work for the coming year. Thanks to the generosity of many donors to the Tri-Parish, the new year is getting off on the right foot and lots of enthusiasm was expressed for the 2021 year.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, Jeanne Hanson, of Gilbertville, was honored for her many decades of service to the Hardwick Calvinistic Congregational Church, the Tri-Parish Community Church and her contributions to the local communities.

The Sunday, Feb. 14 (Valentine's Day) service at 10 a.m. in the New Braintree Congregational Church will be led by Jennifer Pollard. And, Rev. Kathleen Fitzgibbons will be back with us on Sunday, Feb. 21 — same time, same place. Deacon Marguerite Crevier will assist Pastor Fitzgibbons. All are welcome, and membership is definitely not required, with social distancing and masks.

Local pastors offer sermons

Five Simple Words

Christianity is less about religion than a healthful relationship with the Lord. In this edition, I want to consider the significance of five simple words in relation to our connection with Christ. May each cause you to draw near to Him in ever-increasing degrees!

1) IN

Christians are those who live IN Christ. The phrase “in Christ” signifies union with Him and appears continually in the pages of the New Testament (primarily in the writings of the apostle Paul). Consider this small selection:

Romans 8:1

1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

1 Corinthians 1:30

30 It is because of him [i.e., God the Father] that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

The greatest illustration of this principle was put forth by Jesus Himself:

John 15:1-2, 4-5

1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful . . . 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

To what degree do you live your life in vital union with Him?

2) WITH

Christians are those who live WITH Christ. This term speaks to spiritual companionship or fellowship. As the old song goes, “He walks with me and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own.” Review the following excerpts that affirm this wondrous reality:

Isaiah 43:2

2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

Psalms 23:1-4a

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

3 he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

To what degree do you seek and sense His intimate, abiding presence?

3) THROUGH

Christians are those who live THROUGH Christ. This term speaks to divine empowerment or enablement. Simply stated, there is nothing that we are called to do that we cannot accomplish through the working of His mighty power:

Philippians 4:13

13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

It is through Him that we are transformed and made fruitful:

John 15:1-2, 4-5

1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful . . . 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

It is through Him that we are empowered to serve as His witnesses:

Acts 1:8

8 . . . you will receive power when the

Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

It is through Him that we persevere in the midst of adversity and affliction:

1 Peter 1:3-6

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

To what degree are you relying upon the power of God in the course of daily living?

4) FOR

Christians are those who live FOR Christ. Our lives and every aspect of them (e.g., our time, talents, dreams, resources, etc.) are to be used to glorify and honor Him. There is no aspect of our being beyond the scope of His authority—He is Lord! We exist both by and for His good pleasure:

Colossians 1:15-16

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

The apostle Paul summed up the whole of his life in the following words (Phil. 1:21a): “For me, to live is Christ.” It is only through this lens that life takes on a greater sense of purpose and meaning, as every action becomes infused with eternal significance. Even the smallest act in the here-and-now will unleash unending blessing in the ages to come:

Matthew 6:19-20

19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.”

Matthew 10:42

42 . . . if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.

To what degree are you living for Christ? Are the things you are living for worth Christ dying for?

5) BEFORE

Lastly, Christians live BEFORE Christ. This term speaks to accountability. The Lord is able to reward every action we undertake in this life because He is always watching! He is ever mindful of our actions, words, and even the very intents of our hearts. Nothing escapes His penetrating gaze:

Psalms 139:1-4

1 You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.

2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

4 Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.

Hebrews 4:13

13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

To what degree do you live aware of your accountability to God?

Do you not know that we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10)?

May you live in, with, through, for and before Christ all the days of your life! Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Feel free to check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org or visit us in person each Sunday at 10:30am (COVID-19 protocols are presented on the aforementioned website). We hope to see you soon.

Pastor James Foley

*New Life Assembly of God
South Barre*

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany “To Live for The Gospel”

(This sermon can be listened to on our Facebook Page and Website as part of our worship service)

Scripture Reading: Mark 1 v 29 - 39

I. Introduction:

This past week I had an incredibly inspiring conversation with a friend and fellow pastor who shared with me his love for Christ, and how he strives to live his life in service of Christ and his neighbor. It was one of those rare moments where someone was sharing with such openness something so special, and it reminded me so much of the life of Christ Himself. Our scripture reading became even more meaningful for me since that conversation.

II. A Messiah Fully Equipped.

By the time Jesus utters these words in Mark 1 verse 38, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come”, He was very well equipped to do what He was called to do, that is to preach the Good News, and to heal and to perform miracles on His journey. He had been baptized by John the Baptist, filled with the Holy Spirit, and driven into the wilderness, for forty days where He was tempted by the devil, withstood those temptations and was attended by angels. We then see Him walking along the Sea of Galilee where He started to preach about the Good News, and calling ordinary men to be His disciples, including Simon, his brother Andrew, James, and John. His next stop was the City of Capernaum, where He went into the synagogue, and taught, drove out evil spirits, being acknowledged by the evil spirit as “The Holy One,” and continued to heal many, and performed miracles. That is where we find Him. He left the synagogue and went to Simon and Andrew's house, where Simon's mother-in-law was. She was sick, He healed her, and then the whole town came to the house to see this man who did all these things. They were all gathered there, with their sick to be healed, and demons to be driven out. Jesus must have been so exhausted from all that spiritual energy that went out of Him. He got up early in the morning and left to find a solitary place, says our text, to pray. Simon and his friends came to look for Him, quite startled that He left with all those people still there to have their needs met. “Everyone is looking for You,” they said. This was His response to them, “Let us go somewhere else – to the nearby villages – so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” The villages He talked about were in Galilee, west of the Jordan River. That is where most of His preaching and healing and interactions with the crowds would occur.

III. Jesus was Filled with Purpose and Divine Power

The miracles and healings Jesus performed in Capernaum were incredibly spectacular...they made the crowd exclaim, who is this man, what is this, a new teaching? Filled with the Holy Spirit, His entry into the lives of people was about “entering “into the province of the prince of this world and vanquishes the hostile powers which devastate the creation. He is again the Ruler, the Lord and King of Nature” says Herman Ridderbos in “The Coming of the Kingdom.” His divine struggle was against the evil forces already present in the wilderness and everywhere He went, that early on. His encounter with them reveals for us the contrast of that which is good, and the forces of destruction in this world. These destructive forces have the power to take hold of people, like the man in the synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit. Jesus knew it, and He was able to rebuke them from a place of power and banish them from that man. He knew He was the Messiah, with a purpose to fulfil, a purpose which the crowds did not fully grasp, but experienced its manifestation in their own limited way.

IV. To Live for the Gospel

Jesus tells His few new disciples that He came to preach this powerful Gospel to the

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Obituaries

DEATH NOTICES

Nahkala (McCarthy), Gretchen L.
Died Feb. 6, 2021
Memorial Service to be held
at later date.

Pierce, Zachary W.
Died: Feb. 3, 2021
Graveside Service to be held
at later date.

Gretchen L. (McCarthy) Nahkala, 52

OAKHAM – Gretchen L. (McCarthy) Nahkala, 52, died peacefully at home under the care of her loving family on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021. She was born on a U.S. military base in Livorno, Italy and grew up in Jefferson.

Gretchen's life was centered on family, faith and community. She graduated from Wachusett Regional High School, class of 1986, and went on to earn her Associate's Degree in Dental Hygiene from Quinsigamond Community College. For over 30 years Gretchen served the patients at the office of John Gusha, D.M.D. in Holden, as a Dental Hygienist. She also played the role of the “Tooth Fairy” during appearances at area schools to teach children the importance of brushing their teeth. Gretchen established “In a Heartbeat,” a local company in Holden that teaches CPR to the community.

Gretchen married the love of her life, Jeffrey J. Nahkala and settled in Oakham.

She was an active and influential member of the Oakham Congregational Church, serving as a Deacon, Chairperson of the Deacons and Church Secretary. Gretchen was a gifted singer and sang beautifully in the Church Choir. She had a passion for music and believed in the importance of teaching music to children at school. She served as President of Quabbin Pro Musica, a program that funds the music program at Quabbin Regional High School. She was also an EMT and event-



al ambulance director of the Oakham fire department and was instrumental in coming to the aid of numerous Oakham residents. Gretchen had a positive influence on many through her good works for the community. She will be forever missed.

Gretchen will be lovingly missed and remembered by her husband of 32 years, Jeffrey J. Nahkala; her son, Jake Nahkala and his fiancée, Jessica; her daughter, Jane Nahkala; her father, Kenneth George; her mother, Linda McCarthy; her step-father, John McCarthy; her brother, Patrick McCarthy and his wife, Monica; her sisters, Tricia McCarthy, Kristin Flagg and Meredith McCarthy and many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Gretchen's family from noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021 at Miles Funeral Home, 1158 Main St., Holden (appropriate Covid -19 protocols including face masks and social distancing will be observed.) “Air Hugs” will be greatly appreciated by the family.

A Memorial Service honoring and celebrating Gretchen's life will be held at a later date to be determined. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Quabbin Pro Musica, c/o Peter Lewis, Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South Street, Barre, MA 01005. To share a memory or offer a condolence visit www.milesfuneralhome.com.

Zachary W. Pierce, 30

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Zachary W. Pierce, 30, of North Brookfield died unexpectedly on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021 at home.

He leaves his beloved children, Joseph and Autumn and their mother, Elizabeth Krasnecky; his parents, Brian E. and Janet A. (Graves) Pierce of New Braintree; his brother, Jeremy Pierce of Brookfield; his grandparents, Barbara Pierce of North Brookfield, Evelyn and Robert Blake of Naples, Florida and Georgia Graves of Barre; his uncle and godfather, Thomas and Jennifer Graves of Worcester, his uncle, Kevin and Brooke Graves of Hubbardston, his uncle, Aaron and Alicia Graves of Barre, his uncle, Michael and Kathy Amadio of Oakham, his uncle, David and Michelle Blake of West Yarmouth, his aunt, Jennifer Amadio of Rutland and his godmother, Paulette Kendall of Anson, Maine, as well as his many cousins. He was predeceased by his two grandfathers, Edward Pierce and



Thomas Graves and his aunt Debra Blake of Eastham.

He was a graduate of Quabbin Regional High School, class of 2009.

Zachary was active with both the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America in his youth. He was also a junior member of the Barre Sportmens Club. Zachary had an adventurous spirit. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, as well as spending time with his children whom he adored.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, Feb. 15, 2021 from 4-6 p.m. in Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield. A Graveside Service will be held at a later date. Masks must be worn and social distancing guidelines must be followed while in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Barre Sportmens Club for the Youth Activity Fund, P.O. Box 111, Barre, MA 01005. An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com.

Congregational church to hold drive-thru chicken parmigiana dinner

BARRE — The Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., will host a drive-thru chicken parmigiana dinner on Saturday, Feb. 27 with pick-up time from 5-6 p.m.

The meal also includes antipasto salad and dessert. Adults are \$12 and children under 12 are \$5. For reservations, people may call Lisa Holloway at 978-355-0140.



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Public Safety

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| <p>Sunday, Jan. 31</p> <p>8:53 a.m. Fire, Chimney Walnut Hill Road — False/Accidental/Defective Alarm</p> <p>4:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire South Street — Ambulance Signed Refusal</p> <p>Summons: Annie L. Rosa, 40, Chicopee</p> <p>Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation; Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle; Passing Violation</p> <p>Summons: Douglas E. Roberts, 50, Wheelwright</p> <p>Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation; Passing Violation; Inspection/Sticker, No 6:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire Mechanic Street — Vehicle Removed</p> <p>11:39 p.m. Overdose/Poisoning North Brookfield Road — Transported to Hospital</p> | <p>Monday, Feb. 1</p> <p>6:26 a.m. Breathing Difficulty Mechanic Street — Transported to Hospital</p> <p>12:13 p.m. Choking School Street South — Ambulance Signed Refusal</p> <p>5:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled Valley Road — Vehicle Towed</p> <p>7:07 p.m. Serve Warrant Valley Road — Arrest(s) Made</p> <p>Arrest: Todd W. Gryszowka, 40, Hardwick</p> <p>Warrant</p> <p>8:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire Phillipston Road — Report Filed</p> | <p>Road — Public Assist</p> <p>12:51 a.m. Falls Ruggles Lane — Public Assist</p> <p>12:17 p.m. Sick/Unknown Ruggles Lane — Transported to Hospital</p> <p>2:40 p.m. Abdominal/Back Pain North Brookfield Road — Referred to Other Agency</p> <p>9:17 p.m. Noise Violation, Party Elm Street South — Area Search Negative</p> |
| | <p>Thursday, Feb. 4</p> <p>7:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire Williamsville Road — Ambulance Signed Refusal</p> <p>11:47 a.m. Prowler/Trespasser Vernon Avenue — Officer Spoke to Party</p> | <p>Saturday, Feb. 6</p> <p>3:02 p.m. Officer Wanted Gauthier Road — Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>4:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision Hit and Run James Street — Report Filed</p> <p>7 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Gauthier Road — Officer Spoke to Party</p> |
| | <p>Friday, Feb. 5</p> <p>12:47 a.m. Falls Old Coldbrook</p> | <p>SOUTH BARRE</p> <p>Sunday, Jan. 31</p> <p>11:57 p.m. Officer Wanted North Brookfield Road — Referred to Other Agency</p> |

Hubbardston Police Log

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| <p>Sunday, Jan. 31</p> <p>9:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old Boston Turnpike — Criminal Complaint</p> <p>Summons: Jeffrey O. Morton, 60, Rutland</p> <p>Unregistered Motor Vehicle; Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID</p> | <p>Vehicle With</p> | <p>Friday, Feb. 5</p> <p>6:36 a.m. Fraud/Forgery Georgdie Lane — Officer Advised</p> <p>8:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire New Templeton Road — Report Filed</p> |
| <p>Monday, Feb. 1</p> <p>1:42 p.m. Snow Removal Complaint Worcester Road — Vehicle Removed</p> | <p>Thursday, Feb. 4</p> <p>8:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road — Citation Issued</p> <p>10:12 a.m. Fraud/Forgery Ragged Hill Road — Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>1:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street — Criminal Complaint</p> <p>Summons: Jason R. Robinson, 35, Hartford, CT</p> <p>Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Unregistered Motor Vehicle</p> <p>2:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road — Criminal Complaint</p> <p>Summons: Gregory Bankey, Jr., 37, Worcester</p> <p>Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle</p> <p>4:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road — Vehicle Towed</p> <p>5:53 p.m. Erratic Operator Gardner Road — Report Filed</p> <p>6:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road — Citation Issued</p> <p>Summons: Thomas J. Staiti, 55, New Braintree</p> <p>Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle</p> | <p>Saturday, Feb. 6</p> <p>12:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road — Criminal Complaint</p> <p>Summons: Hiwry Hayllan Dos Santos Lopes, 21, Framingham</p> <p>Unlincensed Operation of Motor Vehicle</p> <p>8:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pitcherville Road — Criminal Complaint</p> <p>Summons: Donald A. Erickson, 53, Hubbardston</p> <p>Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID; Unregistered Motor Vehicle</p> <p>6 p.m. Larceny/Theft Cheyenne Drive — Report Filed</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, Feb. 2</p> <p>4:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road — Citation Issued</p> | <p>Wednesday, Feb. 3</p> <p>7:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street — Arrest(s) Made</p> <p>Arrest: Shannon M. Hamel, 44, Leominster</p> <p>Warrant</p> <p>11:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road — Criminal Complaint</p> <p>Summons: Zidan Kong, 22, Worcester</p> <p>Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Registration Revoked, Operate Motor</p> | <p>Sunday, Jan. 31</p> <p>3:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road — Citation Issued</p> |

Petersham Police Log

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| <p>Friday, Jan. 1</p> <p>10:14 a.m. Medical Emergency Hardwick Road — Transported to Hospital</p> | <p>Monday, Jan. 11</p> <p>6:51 p.m. Fire, Structure East Street — Extinguished</p> | <p>Saturday, Jan. 23</p> <p>9:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Main Street — Citation Issued</p> <p>9:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop New Salem Road — Citation Issued</p> <p>10:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road — Citation Issued</p> <p>3:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop New Salem Road — Citation Issued</p> |
| <p>Saturday, Jan. 2</p> <p>8:52 a.m. Safety Hazard North Main Street — Officer Handled</p> <p>11:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street — Citation Issued</p> | <p>Tuesday, Jan. 12</p> <p>3:21 p.m. 911/Hang-up Call North Main Street — Transferred Call to C1</p> | <p>Monday, Jan. 25</p> <p>11:59 a.m. Missing Person New Salem Road — Services Rendered</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, Jan. 5</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Complaint Nelson Road — Officer Handled</p> | <p>Wednesday, Jan. 13</p> <p>9:22 p.m. Medical Emergency Carter Pond Road — Transported to Hospital</p> | <p>Tuesday, Jan. 26</p> <p>11:39 a.m. Medical Emergency Common Street — Transported to Hospital</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, Jan. 6</p> <p>5:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road — Written Warning</p> <p>5:56 p.m. 911 Misdial Maple Lane — Investigated</p> | <p>Thursday, Jan. 14</p> <p>4:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop New Salem Road — Written Warning</p> | <p>Wednesday, Jan. 27</p> <p>1:39 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting East Street — Arrest(s) Made</p> |
| <p>Thursday, Jan. 7</p> <p>8:42 a.m. Medical Emergency Poppel Camp Road — Transported to Hospital</p> <p>6:07 p.m. Missing Person Dugway Road — Services Rendered</p> | <p>Friday, Jan. 15</p> <p>12:30 p.m. 911/Hang-up Call Dana Road — False Alarm</p> | <p>Friday, Jan. 29</p> <p>1:04 p.m. 911 Misdial North Main Street — Spoken To</p> |
| <p>Friday, Jan. 8</p> <p>8:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street — Written Warning</p> <p>2:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop New Salem Road — Citation Issued</p> | <p>Saturday, Jan. 16</p> <p>5:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road — Citation Issued</p> <p>7:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East Street — Citation Issued</p> | <p>Saturday, Jan. 30</p> <p>9:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Main Street — Written Warning</p> <p>1:46 p.m. Medical Emergency Dugway Road — Transported to Hospital</p> <p>5:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road — Citation Issued</p> |
| <p>Saturday, Jan. 9</p> <p>12:40 p.m. 911/Hang-up Call North Main Street — Spoken To</p> | <p>Monday, Jan. 18</p> <p>5:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Rte. 32A — Services Rendered</p> | <p>Sunday, Jan. 31</p> <p>11:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop West Street — Citation Issued</p> |
| | <p>Tuesday, Jan. 19</p> <p>4:01 p.m. Safety Hazard North Main Street — Services Rendered</p> | |
| | <p>Friday, Jan. 22</p> <p>6:13 a.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle Hardwick Road — Officer Handled</p> | |

Public Notices

Town of Barre PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Host Community Agreement with High Hawk Farm, LLC

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA for the purpose of reviewing an updated and amended Host Community Agreement proposal for a Marijuana Product Manufacturer license at 101 Daunt Road by High Hawk Farm, LLC. A full copy of the Host Community Agreement may be found at www.townofbarre.com. Persons wishing to comment may do so at that time. The Board will also consider written comments received prior to the hearing.

This will be a **virtual meeting** in accordance with orders issued by the Governor during the current State of Emergency. There will be no in-person attendance by the public. Persons may attend and participate in the hearing by using the online

Zoom application at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82619781437?pwd=RTlkOHF2b1pMQlZ-KNTRQVQVZC2lRQT09> **or by calling:** +1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 826 1978 1437,

Passcode: 458956.

For the Board of Selectmen:

Jessica Sizer
Town Administrator
02/04, 02/11/2021

Town of Barre, MA Request for Qualifications: Fire Station Facility Study

and Design Services

The Town of Barre is soliciting qualifications from designers to perform a facility study and provide design services for a new fire station. The Town is seeking a Designer to perform the following services, hereinafter referred to as Phase I Services: Develop a facility needs program for its fire department to accommodate current and projected assets and operational requirements. Conduct a site selection study to identify potential locations for a new fire station. Develop conceptual designs for a new fire station at the location of the current fire stations and each location identified in the site selection study. Perform a comparative analysis of the options identified above and provide suggestions to the Fire Station Building Committee.

Seven (7) hardcopies plus one (1) electronic copy of proposals should be submitted with all information as required in this Request for Qualifications (Submission Requirements) and any supplementary materials, if desired, to the Town of Barre. Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked as **“Qualifications for Fire Station Facility Study and Design Services”** and addressed to Jessica Sizer, Town Administrator, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005, no later than **2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 18, 2021.**

Questions regarding this RFQ may be directed to: Jessica Sizer, Town Administrator
40 West Street / Barre MA 01005
978-355-2504 ext. 101
jsizer@townofbarre.com
02/04, 02/11/2020

Rutland Police Log

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| <p>Sunday, Jan. 31</p> <p>6:26 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Pleasantdale Road — Information Taken</p> <p>6:27 p.m. Choking Pleasantdale Road — Ambulance Signed Refusal</p> <p>6:29 p.m. Overdose/Poisoning Maple Avenue — Ambulance Signed Refusal</p> | <p>2:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street — Written Warning</p> <p>4:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road — Written Warning</p> <p>4:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road — Written Warning</p> <p>8:19 p.m. Diabetic Main Street — Referred to Other Agency</p> | <p>— Report Filed</p> <p>6:24 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope East Hill Road — Ambulance Signed Refusal</p> <p>6:32 p.m. Animal Bite Victoria Avenue — Ambulance Signed Refusal</p> |
| <p>Monday, Feb. 1</p> <p>4:53 a.m. Parking Violation Fernwood Drive — Citation Issued</p> <p>4:56 a.m. Parking Violation Fernwood Drive — Citation Issued</p> <p>8:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street — Vehicle Towed</p> <p>9:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street — Criminal Complaint</p> <p>Summons: Oscar C. Perez, 28, Worcester</p> <p>Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle; Inspection/Sticker, No 12:03 p.m. Harassing/Annoying Phone Calls Pommogussett Road — Message Delivered</p> <p>1:54 p.m. Sick/Unknown Wachusett Street — Transported to Hospital</p> <p>10:56 p.m. Officer Wanted Barre Paxton Road — Transported to Hospital</p> <p>11:56 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Miles Road — Officer Advised</p> | <p>Wednesday, Feb. 3</p> <p>7:58 a.m. Property Damage East County Road — Report Filed</p> <p>10:42 a.m. Fraud/Forgery Thurston Hill Road — Report Filed</p> <p>11:26 a.m. Hazmat Incidents Main Street — Services Rendered</p> <p>11:36 a.m. Abdominal-Back Pain Maple Avenue — Transported to Hospital</p> <p>12:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street — Citation Issued</p> <p>2:49 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Unknown — Services Rendered</p> <p>3:28 p.m. Fraud/Forgery Ridge Road — Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>4:13 p.m. Lost/Disoriented Person Main Street — Services Rendered</p> <p>6:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pommogussett Road — Criminal Complaint</p> <p>Summons: Emily E. Mingolla, 29, Hubbardston</p> <p>Unregistered Motor Vehicle; Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID; Lights Violation, Motor Vehicle</p> | <p>Friday, Feb. 5</p> <p>2:02 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope Scott Road — Transported to Hospital</p> <p>2:46 p.m. Fire, Mutual Aid Ambulance Barre — Ambulance Canceled</p> <p>3:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street — Arrest(s) Made</p> <p>Arrest: Christopher J. Reiman, 28, Rutland</p> <p>Warrant</p> <p>5:13 p.m. Serve Warrant Bigelow Road — Arrest(s) Made</p> <p>Arrest: Gordon W.G. Oxendine, Jr., 38, Worcester</p> <p>Warrant</p> <p>7:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road — Citation Issued</p> <p>9:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street — Citation Issued</p> <p>9:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street — Citation Issued</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, Feb. 2</p> <p>10:47 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Fairview Avenue — Information Taken</p> <p>11:50 a.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope Maple Avenue — Ambulance Signed Refusal</p> | <p>Thursday, Feb. 4</p> <p>10:43 a.m. Fraud/Forgery Prospect Street — Report Filed</p> <p>1:15 p.m. Threats Glenwood Road</p> | <p>Saturday, Feb. 6</p> <p>9:23 a.m. Sick/Unknown South Road — Transported to Hospital</p> <p>1:16 p.m. Lost/Disoriented Person Main Street — Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>6:36 p.m. Fraud/Forgery Bushy Lane — Report Filed</p> <p>7:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road — Written Warning</p> |

Oakham Police Log

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| <p>Monday, Feb. 1</p> <p>10:57 p.m. Tree Incidents Crocker Nye Road — Removed Hazard</p> | <p>Registration Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Unregistered Motor Vehicle</p> <p>12:09 p.m. Suspicious Person South Road — Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>3:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road — Criminal Complaint</p> <p>Summons: Alma Ortiz-Ayala, 37, Worcester</p> <p>Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle</p> <p>Summons: Sherlin J. Santillan, 19, Worcester</p> <p>Uninsured Motor Vehicle/Allowing; Unregistered Motor Vehicle/Allowing</p> | <p>Thursday, Feb. 4</p> <p>10:31 a.m. Road Hazard Barre Plains Road — Vehicle Removed</p> <p>6:24 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope East Hill Road — Ambulance Signed Refusal</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, Feb. 2</p> <p>10:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire Old Turnpike Road — Vehicle Towed</p> | | <p>Friday, Feb. 5</p> <p>2:02 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope Scott Road — Transported to Hospital</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, Feb. 3</p> <p>10:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old Turnpike Road — Vehicle Towed</p> <p>Summons: Bethany E. MacGregor, 24, Orange</p> <p>Uninured Motor Vehicle;</p> | | <p>Saturday, Feb. 6</p> <p>9:23 a.m. Sick/Unknown South Road — Transported to Hospital</p> |

Toys for Tots announces 2020 campaign results

TRIANGLE, VA — Toys for Tots, the U.S. Marine Corps’ premiere community outreach program, delivered a record setting 20.2 million toys to 7.4 million less fortunate children in 2020.

Two-thousand twenty was a year unlike any other causing economic devastation for so many. COVID took hold early in the year leaving many millions of families in dire need.

While Toys for Tots is primarily known as a Christmastime charity, but it did not wait until the holiday season to provide support. Marines are known for being the first to fight and running to the sound of battle. During this COVID-19 crisis, Toys for Tots partnered with Good360 to provide immediate relief and assistance by distributing two million toys, games and books to COVID-impacted families in the spring and summer. These gifts provided many benefits during this extraordinary time of need. They helped to fight boredom, relieved anxiety in children, facilitated a return to normalcy and even contributed to the educational development of children, especially while they’ve been out of school.

Despite COVID restrictions greatly impacting the local campaign operations and significantly limiting the number of volunteers permitted to help collect, sort, and distribute toys, the Marines and local campaign coordinators of the Marine Toys for Tots Program rose to the occasion and established over 800 local toy collection and distribution campaigns in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. As anticipated, the demand was much greater than the supply in terms of the number of families with children seeking our support, but Marines, in their typical fashion, found ways to improvise and adapt. They established curbside or drive through collection and distribution methods, as well as enlisting support from other local social service agencies in order to accomplish the mission.

Seeing a deficit of toys develop in the millions in November, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation sent out many communications soliciting for help. The American public heard its appeal and saw the need. Hundreds of thousands of individuals, as well as a record

number of organizations serving as National Corporate Sponsors, answered the call making significant donations allowing the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation to augment local toy drives with over 8 million toys valued at over \$77 million.

With the help from so many, Toys for Tots was able to accomplish its mission distributing a record number of over 20 million toys to 7.4 million children, who otherwise would have gone without. Toys for Tots distributed: 20 million toys to 7.4 million less fortunate children from 808 local campaigns in all 50 states, over 2 million toys, books, and games to COVID-impacted families outside of the holiday season, 1.8 million books to children through the Toys for Tots Literacy Program; toys to 180,000 children through the Toys for Tots Native American Program, with support from Toys for Tots Sponsors and from local toy drives with over 8 million toys valued at over \$77 million. It met all 20 standards of the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance and maintained a 96:4 program to support ratio.

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rest of the villages in Galilee also, not just in Capernaum. He came to bring the Kingdom of God in miracles and healings, but also in word., the Good news whose purpose is to transform lives of people, so they can relate to God. He is a Messenger that transcends the spectacular interventions they witnessed and wants to penetrate the hearts and minds of people with His message of love and peace and justice for the poor and the outcast.

The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 9 verse 16-23 is overcome with passion as he defends his rights as an apostle and explains how he has sacrificed his life for the Gospel, “I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!” Paul, and all those who followed the example and message of Christ, knew what the Good News was all about. It was about God’s desire to be connected with humanity in a deep and meaningful way, and to save humanity from their sinful ways, and to

rescue us all from the one who destroys. The apostles also had a role to play in the upbuilding of the churches they started, and so they were fighting for their own existence, but also reminding the church members of their own purpose and responsibilities in their involvement in their congregations. They carried forth this Gospel message that Jesus carried inside of Him and made visible in His love and witness to them. He died for it and these apostles were persecuted for it. To live for the Gospel therefore meant to speak and do things that are right and according to God’s will. It also meant to be willing to sacrifice, to spread the Gospel to the villages outside of Capernaum, Corinth, Ephesus, Galatia, and all other places they traveled to.

V. Conclusion

Jesus’ response to Simon and his friends, is also a response to the church of today. It is a call to all of us to discern and understand our divine purpose in this natural life, a purpose which is different for all of us and also very personal. It is a reminder that we must allow the Holy

Spirit to fill our lives, so that we can be equipped to live out that purpose not through our own power, but with the help of God. It is a call that directs our paths with our loved ones, at church, our places of work and with all those whom we encounter. It is also a call to let the Good News go beyond our immediate spaces, beyond Barre, where it will go and settle in the minds and hearts of those on our journeys. It is a wonderful, and a challenging call, because it requires from us to see what is wrong and call for what is right, to see when destructive forces are at work and to bring the Good news of love and compassion to those places. But at its core it is a call that continuously strengthens our relationship with God and one another and helps us see God’s hand at work in this life. May God help us all to continue to answer our call according to God’s will and to spread this Good News wherever we are, through our words and our actions. God bless us all. Amen

Pastor Margaret Keyser
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